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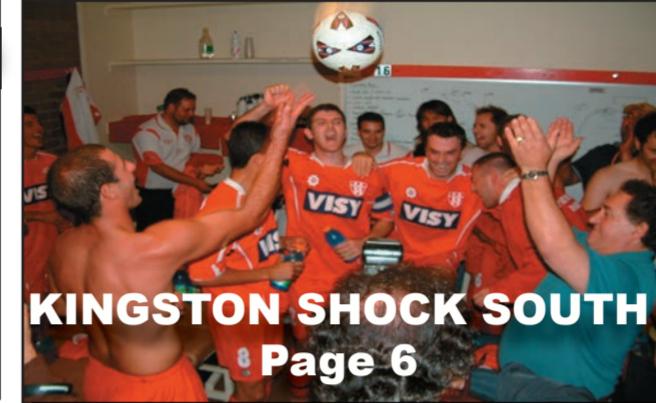
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## VODAFONE CUP LATEST RESULTS

Royals 1 - 0 Georgies  
Kingston 3 - 0 South  
Altona 2 - 2 Lions  
Gully 0 - 1 Pines  
Bergers 4 - 1 Zebras  
Knights 2 - 0 Eagles  
Blues v Cannons *Playing Tonight*



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# WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Fixtures



## Rnd 1

4/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Brimbank v Bendigo Vipers Italo-Australian Social Club  
 4/03/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Eltham North v Box Hill Inter Partington Flats  
 5/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Keilor Park v Heidelberg United Keilor Park Reserve  
 5/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM South Melbourne v Ashburton Bob Jane Stadium  
 5/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Preston Lions v Sandringham BT Connor Reserve  
 5/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Eastern Lions v Cranbourne Comets Gardiners Creek Reserve

## Rnd 2

10/03/2006 6:30/8:30 PM Box Hill Inter v Ashburton Wembley Park  
 11/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Brimbank v Sandringham Italo-Australian Social Club  
 11/03/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Eltham North v Cranbourne Comets Partington Flats  
 12/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Eastern Lions v Preston Lions Gardiners Creek Reserve  
 12/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Keilor Park v Bendigo Vipers Keilor Park Reserve  
 12/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM South Melbourne v Heidelberg United Bob Jane Stadium

## Rnd 3

18/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Brimbank v Eastern Lions Italo-Australian Social Club  
 18/03/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Sandringham v Bendigo Vipers To Be Confirmed  
 19/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Keilor Park v South Melbourne Keilor Park Reserve  
 19/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Preston Lions v Eltham North BT Connor Reserve  
 19/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Heidelberg United v Box Hill Inter Olympic Village  
 19/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Cranbourne Comets v Ashburton Comets Stadium

## Rnd 4

24/03/2006 6:30/8:30 PM Box Hill Inter v Keilor Park Wembley Park  
 25/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Preston Lions v Ashburton BT Connor Reserve  
 25/03/2006 12:30/2:30 PM Bendigo Vipers v South Melbourne Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex  
 25/03/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Eltham North v Brimbank Partington Flats  
 26/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Eastern Lions v Sandringham Gardiners Creek Reserve  
 26/03/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Cranbourne Comets v Heidelberg United Comets Stadium

## Rnd 5

1/04/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Sandringham v Eltham North Spring St Oval  
 2/04/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Preston Lions v Heidelberg United BT Connor Reserve  
 2/04/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Eastern Lions v Bendigo Vipers Gardiners Creek Reserve  
 2/04/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Cranbourne Comets v Keilor Park Comets Stadium  
 2/04/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Ashburton v Brimbank Ashburton Park  
 2/04/2006 5:00/7:00 PM Box Hill Inter v South Melbourne Wembley Park

## Rnd 6

8/04/2006 1:00/3:00 PM South Melbourne v Cranbourne Comets Bob Jane Stadium  
 8/04/2006 12:30/2:30 PM Bendigo Vipers v Box Hill Inter Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex  
 8/04/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Eltham North v Eastern Lions Partington Flats  
 9/04/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Keilor Park v Preston Lions Keilor Park Reserve  
 9/04/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Ashburton v Sandringham Ashburton Park  
 9/04/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Heidelberg United v Brimbank Olympic Village

## Rnd 7

22/04/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Brimbank v Keilor Park Italo-Australian Social Club  
 22/04/2006 12:30/2:30 PM Bendigo Vipers v Eltham North Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex  
 22/04/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Sandringham v Heidelberg United Spring St Oval  
 23/04/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM South Melbourne v Preston Lions Bob Jane Stadium  
 23/04/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Eastern Lions v Ashburton Gardiners Creek Reserve  
 23/04/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Cranbourne Comets v Box Hill Inter Comets Stadium

## Rnd 8

28/04/2006 6:30/8:30 PM Box Hill Inter v Preston Lions Wembley Park  
 29/04/2006 1:00/3:00 PM South Melbourne v Brimbank Bob Jane Stadium  
 29/04/2006 12:30/2:30 PM Bendigo Vipers v Cranbourne Comets Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex  
 30/04/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Keilor Park v Sandringham Keilor Park Reserve  
 30/04/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Ashburton v Eltham North Ashburton Park  
 30/04/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Heidelberg United v Eastern Lions Olympic Village

## Rnd 9

6/05/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Brimbank v Box Hill Inter Italo-Australian Social Club  
 6/05/2006 12:30/2:30 PM Bendigo Vipers v Ashburton Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex  
 6/05/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Sandringham v South Melbourne Spring St Oval  
 7/05/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Eltham North v Heidelberg United Partington Flats  
 7/05/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Preston Lions v Cranbourne Comets BT Connor Reserve  
 7/05/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Eastern Lions v Keilor Park Gardiners Creek Reserve  
 2006 Vodafone Women's Premier League  
 Season Break - Easter  
 Proposed State Team Tour  
 2006 Vodafone Women's Premier League

## Rnd 10

19/05/2006 6:30/8:30 PM Box Hill Inter v Sandringham Wembley Park  
 21/05/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Preston Lions v Bendigo Vipers BT Connor Reserve  
 21/05/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM South Melbourne v Eastern Lions Bob Jane Stadium  
 21/05/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Keilor Park v Eltham North Keilor Park Reserve  
 21/05/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Heidelberg United v Ashburton Olympic Village  
 21/05/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Cranbourne Comets v Brimbank Comets Stadium

## Rnd 11

27/05/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Brimbank v Preston Lions Italo-Australian Social Club  
 27/05/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Sandringham v Cranbourne Comets Spring St Oval  
 27/05/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Eltham North v South Melbourne Partington Flats  
 27/05/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Heidelberg United v Bendigo Vipers Olympic Village  
 28/05/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Eastern Lions v Box Hill Inter Gardiners Creek Reserve  
 28/05/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Ashburton v Keilor Park Ashburton Park

## Rnd 12

2/06/2006 6:30/8:30 PM Box Hill Inter v Eltham North Wembley Park  
 3/06/2006 12:30/2:30 PM Bendigo Vipers v Brimbank Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex  
 3/06/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Sandringham v Preston Lions Spring St Oval  
 4/06/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Cranbourne Comets v Eastern Lions Comets Stadium  
 4/06/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Heidelberg United v Keilor Park Olympic Village  
 4/06/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Ashburton v South Melbourne Ashburton Park

## Rnd 13

17/06/2006 12:30/2:30 PM Bendigo Vipers v Keilor Park Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex  
 17/06/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Sandringham v Brimbank Spring St Oval  
 18/06/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Preston Lions v Eastern Lions BT Connor Reserve  
 18/06/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Cranbourne Comets v Eltham North Comets Stadium  
 18/06/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Ashburton v Box Hill Inter Ashburton Park  
 18/06/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Heidelberg United v South Melbourne Olympic Village

## Rnd 14

23/06/2006 6:30/8:30 PM Box Hill Inter v Heidelberg United Wembley Park  
 24/06/2006 12:30/2:30 PM Bendigo Vipers v Sandringham Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex  
 24/06/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Eltham North v Preston Lions Partington Flats  
 25/06/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM South Melbourne v Keilor Park Bob Jane Stadium  
 25/06/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Eastern Lions v Brimbank Gardiners Creek Reserve  
 25/06/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Ashburton v Cranbourne Comets Ashburton Park

## Rnd 15

1/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Brimbank v Eltham North Italo-Australian Social Club  
 1/07/2006 1:00/3:00 PM South Melbourne v Bendigo Vipers Bob Jane Stadium  
 1/07/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Sandringham v Eastern Lions Spring St Oval  
 2/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Keilor Park v Box Hill Inter Keilor Park Reserve  
 2/07/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Ashburton v Preston Lions Ashburton Park  
 2/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Heidelberg United v Cranbourne Comets Olympic Village

## Rnd 16

8/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Brimbank v Ashburton Italo-Australian Social Club  
 8/07/2006 12:30/2:30 PM Bendigo Vipers v Eastern Lions Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex  
 8/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Heidelberg United v Preston Lions Olympic Village  
 8/07/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Eltham North v Sandringham Partington Flats  
 9/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM South Melbourne v Box Hill Inter Bob Jane Stadium  
 9/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Keilor Park v Cranbourne Comets Keilor Park Reserve

## Rnd 17

15/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Brimbank v Heidelberg United Italo-Australian Social Club  
 15/07/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Sandringham v Ashburton Spring St Oval  
 16/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Eastern Lions v Eltham North Gardiners Creek Reserve  
 16/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Preston Lions v Keilor Park BT Connor Reserve  
 16/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Cranbourne Comets v South Melbourne Comets Stadium  
 16/07/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Box Hill Inter v Bendigo Vipers Wembley Park

## Rnd 18

21/07/2006 6:30/8:30 PM Box Hill Inter v Cranbourne Comets Wembley Park  
 22/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Preston Lions v South Melbourne BT Connor Reserve  
 22/07/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Eltham North v Bendigo Vipers Partington Flats  
 23/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Keilor Park v Brimbank Keilor Park Reserve  
 23/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Heidelberg United v Sandringham Olympic Village  
 23/07/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Ashburton v Eastern Lions Ashburton Park  
 World Cup Break  
 2006 Vodafone Women's Premier League

## Rnd 19

29/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Brimbank v South Melbourne Italo-Australian Social Club  
 29/07/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Sandringham v Keilor Park Spring St Oval  
 30/07/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Eltham North v Ashburton Partington Flats  
 30/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Eastern Lions v Heidelberg United Gardiners Creek Reserve  
 30/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Preston Lions v Box Hill Inter BT Connor Reserve  
 30/07/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Cranbourne Comets v Bendigo Vipers Comets Stadium

## Rnd 20

4/08/2006 6:30/8:30 PM Box Hill Inter v Brimbank Wembley Park  
 5/08/2006 1:00/3:00 PM South Melbourne v Sandringham Bob Jane Stadium  
 6/08/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Keilor Park v Eastern Lions Keilor Park Reserve  
 6/08/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Cranbourne Comets v Preston Lions Comets Stadium  
 6/08/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Heidelberg United v Eltham North Olympic Village  
 6/08/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Ashburton v Bendigo Vipers Ashburton Park

## Rnd 21

19/08/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Brimbank v Cranbourne Comets Italo-Australian Social Club  
 19/08/2006 12:30/2:30 PM Bendigo Vipers v Preston Lions Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex  
 19/08/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Sandringham v Box Hill Inter Spring St Oval  
 20/08/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Eltham North v Keilor Park Partington Flats  
 20/08/2006 11:00 AM/1:00 PM Eastern Lions v South Melbourne Gardiners Creek Reserve  
 20/08/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Ashburton v Heidelberg United Ashburton Park

## Rnd 22

27/08/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Preston Lions v Brimbank BT Connor Reserve  
 27/08/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Cranbourne Comets v Sandringham Comets Stadium  
 27/08/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Box Hill Inter v Eastern Lions Wembley Park  
 27/08/2006 1:00/3:00 PM South Melbourne v Eltham North Bob Jane Stadium  
 27/08/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Keilor Park v Ashburton Keilor Park Reserve  
 27/08/2006 1:00/3:00 PM Bendigo Vipers v Heidelberg United Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex

Week 2 - 10 Sep 06 - Semi Finals

Week 3 - 17 Sep 06 - Preliminary Final

Week 4 - 24 Sep 06 - Grand Final

For further information contact: Football Operations

13/08/06 Catch up Round

Vodafone Finals Series

Week 1 - 03 Sep 06 - Qualifying and Elimination Finals

Ashburton Park: High Street Road, Ashburton (60 F9)

BT Connor Reserve: 231 Broadhurst Ave, Reservoir (18 B2)

Bob Jane Stadium: 25 Albert Road Drive, Albert Park (2K F6)

Comets Stadium: O'Toole's Road, Cranbourne (133 G6)

Gardiners Creek Reserve: Sixth Avenue, Burwood (60J8)

Italo-Australian Social Club: 128-152 Furlong Road, Sunshine North (26 E5)

Olympic Village: Catalina Street, Heidelberg Heights (19 D11)

Keilor Park Reserve: Stadium Dve, Keilor (15 B5)

Partington Flats: Kalparrin Ave, Greensborough (10 K12)

Spring St Oval: Spring St, Sandringham (77 A12)

Strathfieldsaye Sport Complex: Club Crt, Strathfieldsaye

Wembley Park: 980 Canterbury Road, Box Hill (61 F1)

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## PRESTON AND SOUTH MELBOURNE TO MEET IN HARMONY GAME

The Preston Lions Football Club has joined forces with the South Melbourne Football Club in promoting their upcoming round four Vodafone Cup clash under the goodwill theme of "United in Harmony and Respect".

Representatives from both clubs, Football Federation Victoria (FFV), the Victorian Multicultural Commission and Victoria Police met recently to develop an action plan for the game in an effort to put the off field issues which have surrounded both clubs in recent times behind them.

The following 'Statement of Harmony' will also be signed on match day by both clubs:

"The South Melbourne Football Club and the Preston Lions Football Club in partnership with Football Federation Victoria, the Victorian Multicultural Commission and Victoria Police, affirm their support for the principals of Harmony, Respect and Multiculturalism."

A media conference will be held at Bob Jane Stadium on Thursday 23 February at 10:00am where all parties will be in attendance, including the respec-

tive Presidents and senior players from both clubs. Further details on the media conference will be announced shortly.

The game kicks off on Sun-



## BLACK SWAN PRE-SEASON CUP

**Black Swan Dips in conjunction with Port Melbourne SC are pleased to bring you our Pre-season Tournament the Black Swan Cup.**

Starting this Sunday the 19th Feb. Double header games ever Sunday 4pm and 6pm and Wednesday at 6.45pm and 8.30pm.

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Competing teams for this year are: East Altona, Brunswick, Clayton, Northcote, South Springvale, Stonnington, Pascoe Vale, Port Melbourne and Port White (our reserves)

With prize money of \$3,000 for first \$1,000 for second and \$500 for third it promises to be a great Tournament. Come and watch some great soccer as a lead up to the State league Completion.

### Round One – Sunday 19th February

Port White v Sth Springvale – 4pm  
Port Melbourne v Stonnington – 6pm  
Wednesday 22th February  
East Altona v Clayton – 6.45pm  
Brunswick v Northcote – 8.30pm

### Round Two – Sunday 26th February

Port White v Northcote – 4pm  
\*\*Game might be swapped  
Brunswick v Sth Springvale – 6pm\*\*  
Wednesday 1st March

## GOAL! WEEKLY CUP

**Goal! Weekly in conjunction with Riversdale Soccer Club are proud to present the inaugural Goal! Weekly Cup on Saturday 16th March.**

The five-a-side tournament will give you the chance to show off your skills and enjoy a day out in the sun.

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Clayton v Stonnington – 6.45pm  
East Altona v Port Melbourne – 8.30pm\*\*

### Round Three – Sunday 5th March

Northcote v Sth Springvale – 4pm  
Port White v Brunswick – 8.30pm

Wednesday 8nd March

East Altona v Stonnington – 6.45pm  
Port Melbourne v Clayton – 8.30pm  
Semi Finals Day - Sunday 12th March

1st Semi Final – Group A Winner vs Group B Runner Up

2nd Semi Final – Group B Winner vs Group A Runner Up

Winners progress to Grand Final and losing teams play off for 3rd & 4th spot

### Grand Final Day - Sunday 19th March

3rd & 4th Place Final (1st semi loser v 2nd semi loser) - 4pm

### Grand Final

1st Semi Final Winner v 2nd Semi Final Winner - 6pm



## SHORT PASSES

### FAWKNER

Sash Ognesovski is in hospital at the moment undergoing tests after falling to a mystery illness unrelated to football. Zoran Petrevski is still two weeks from recovering from his knee injury. To add to coach John Markovski's selection woes Mark Sourlias is carrying an ankle injury, Mal Impambiato has been diagnosed with Osteo Pubis and Mark Silic is still on the sidelines with a back injury. On top of that, 'keeper Stiven Solevski is away on his honeymoon.

### ALTONA

Tomi Razov came off in the second half against Preston with a hamstring injury and will need treatment during the week. To add to Kenny Murphy's injury list Cerecovski strained his quad whilst attempting to have a shot in the same game and could be out of action as well. Meanwhile, Ivan Razov looks to be a chance for selection this week after missing the weekend's game to help overcoming a bruised rib from the previous week.

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Monday 20 February



# VODAFONE CUP



## ROUND ONE DETAILS

### KINGSTON CITY 3 - 0 STH MELBOURNE

(HT 1-0)

Crowd: 3,947

GOALS: J.Spiteri (KC) 3rd &amp; 80th, J.Di Iorio (KC) 37th.

YELLOW CARDS: T. Baser (SM) 12th, A.Tsonis (SM) 35th, M.Curcija (KC) 45th,

RED CARDS: None.

KINGSTON: M.Turnbull, S.Iosifidis, C.Anthopoulos, C.Konstans, M.Curcija, J.Di Iorio, J.Spiteri, D.Tsiaras, J.Latinopoulos, A.Kiratzoglou, N.Tolios (T.Brode 45th).

SOUTH: D.Anastasiadis, A.Tsonis, C.Blatsis (G.Tzirtis 17th), E.Karavitis, K.Nelson (G. De Nittis 45th), P.Koutsopoulos, J.Salley, R.Tavancioglu, F.De Moraes, T.Baser, S.MacNicol.

### ESSENDON ROYALS 1 - 0 S'SHINE GEORGIES

(HT 0-0)

Crowd: 400

GOALS: S.Pir (ER) 82nd.

YELLOW CARDS: N.Schwal (ER) 10th, C.Platt (SG) 20th, D.Delic (SG) 29th, N.Thomas (ER) 35th, S.Kovacevic (SG) 61st, A.Gauci-Seddon (SG) 63.

RED CARDS: C.Platt (SG) 39th, N.Schwal (ER) 61st,.

ROYALS: M.Sutalo, N.Thomas, S.Pir, N.Schwal, J.Youseff (V.Pititto 70th), L.Catalano, F.Catalano (J.Merkic 90th), M.Medjedovic, D.Pilic, C.Miles (D.ferguson 70th).

GEORGIES: M.John, I.Erdogan (A.Gauci-Seddon 56th), C.Azzopardi, J.Cvetanovski (M.Gaspars 85th), T.Waterson, D.Delic, E.Muscat, B.Gilmour (I.Filipovic 60th), C.Platt, S.Kovacevic, T.Neceski.

### ALTONA MAGIC 2 - 2 PRESTON LIONS

(HT 2-1)

Crowd: 4,500

GOALS: P.Siveski (PL) 22nd, T.Razov (AM) 25th, S.Becvinovski (AM) 29th, A.Maganacca (PL) 58th.

YELLOW CARDS: S.Solevski (PL) 19th, E.Karahan (PL) 23rd, L.Anastasiou (PL) 30th.

RED CARDS: L.Anastasiou (PL) 86th.

MAGIC:B.Jevdevic, L.Osman, D.Mladanovic, K.Delev, K.Delev, A.Opazo, S.Becvinovski (V.Trpcevski 85th) , T.Razov (I.kolevski 80th), A.Sherifivski, I.Arsovski, P.Cergovski (D.Vasilevski 46th),

LIONS: D.Zilic, Z.Younan, H.Vrbovac (R.Dolevski 46th), L.Anastasiou, T.Devrimol, S.Oksuz(N.Kalmar 87th), A.Magnacca, S.Pace, S.Soleski (Y.Galanos 74th), P.Siveski, E.Karahan.

### HEIDELBERG UTD 4 - 1 BULLEEN ZEBRAS

(HT 1-0)

Crowd:

GOALS: N.Sabljak (HU) 44th, E.Vasiliadis (HU) 62nd, Y.Yussef (HU) 67th, T.Ouliaris (HU) 75th, H.Armenian (BZ) 80th

YELLOW CARDS: C.Emsovska (BZ) 89th, S.Martin (BZ) 25th, P.Kotsopoulos (BZ) 38th, E.Vasiliadis (HU) 33rd, S.Parissos (HU) 25th A.Gjuni (HU)

RED CARDS: None.

BERGERS: L.Acevski, R.Liparoti, D.Jones, P.Roberts, L.Tsourmerkas, E.Vassiliadis, Y.Yusef, A.Gjuni, A.Westervelt, T.Ouliaris, N.marinos

ZEBRAS:

### GREEN GULLY 0 - 1 FRANKSTON PINES

(HT 0-1)

Crowd:

GOALS: A.Oliviera (FP) 1st

YELLOW CARDS: K.Patterson (FP) 26th, B.Ovcin (FP) 20th

RED CARDS: None.

GULLY: T.Kovar, D.Tartaglia, A.Drakos, R.Antoniadis, F.Tramontana, S.Bell, S.Martin, C.Emsovska, N.Veljovic, B.Harbinson, N.Lazarevski.

PINES: B.Zealley, D.Djubic, J.Cumming, M.Anderson, C.Metcalfe, B.Oucin, A.Nagliari, A.Oliviera, N.Waite, C.Leopold, A.Psonis.

### MELB KNIGHTS 2 - 0 RICHMOND EAGLES

(HT 1-0)

Crowd:

GOALS: A.Barisic (MK) 90th, OG

YELLOW CARDS: R.Casey (MK) 86th, C.Elvin (MK) 90th

RED CARDS: None.

KNIGHTS: A.Cagalj, T.Milardovic, N.Antic, R.casey, C.Elvin, M.Maisano, J.Kozic, G.Talevski, D.Natkovic, L.Slater, N.Caldwell.

EAGLES: N.Crossley, B.Beni, S.Webster, S.Burton, A.Ross, J.Rajher, C.Jones, T.Celentano, D.Visevic, G.Hockless, V.Korkarevski.

## VODAFONE CUP TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Melbourne Knights	3	2	0	1	6	2	7
Altona Magic	3	2	0	1	6	4	7
Kingston City	3	2	1	0	5	2	6
Oakleigh Cannons*	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
South Melbourne	3	2	1	0	3	3	6
Frankston Pines	3	2	1	0	2	2	6
Essendon Royals	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Bulleen Zebras	3	1	1	1	4	5	4
Sunshine Georgies	3	1	2	0	4	3	3
Heidelberg United	3	1	2	0	4	4	3
Richmond	3	1	2	0	3	5	3
Green Gully Cavaliers	3	0	2	1	2	4	1
Preston Lions	3	0	2	1	4	9	1
Fawkner-Whittlesea*	2	0	2	0	1	3	0

## LAST MONDAY'S MATCH - ROUND ONE

### ZEBRAS AND GULLY SHARE POINTS



#### BULLEEN ZEBRAS 1 - GREEN GULLY 1



The Bulleen Zebras and Green Gully Cavaliers played out a hard fought 1-1 draw at the Veneto Club on Monday night, in Round two of the Vodafone Cup.

A disappointing crowd of approximately 500 was on hand to witness the highly physical contest as Gully Coach Andrew Marth was greeted by a baptism of fire in his first match in charge of the reigning Champions.

Following an early strike by Frank Tramontana in the seventh minute, reigning Jimmy Rooney Medallist, Brandon Vassallo restored parity inside the first half hour before the contest broke down to a physical and spiteful affair.

As a match between the past two champions of the Vodafone Cup, the opening moments of the match were played at a frenetic pace as neither side were able gain the early ascendancy.

However, Gully was soon denied the chance to take the lead thanks to Thomas Kovar, as a curling free-kick by Andy Vargas forced a spectacular save from the Zebras custodian.

As Gully fought to restore parity in the contest, former Melbourne Knights man Andy Vargas proved to be a dangerous presence early with his weaving runs troubling the Zebras rear guard.

Gully soon evened the ledger when in the 22nd minute, a curling free kick by Lubo Lapsansky found Brandon Vassallo who headed past a stationary Kovar for his second goal in consecutive weeks.

Gully's equaliser was the catalyst to raise the intensity of the contest as it broke down into an increasingly physical affair. The even nature of the game saw scoring chances to be few and far between as both teams controlled periods of the half, with the midfield battle proving increasingly vital in deciding the final outcome.

With the first half coming to a close, the home side came agonisingly close to regaining the lead as a knock down by Ben Harbinson fell into the path of Ari Drakos who's first time shot went just wide of the mark.

The Zebras jumped out of the blocks in the second stanza and they could have taken the lead as Hamlet Armenian went on a surging run that caught the Gully defence off-guard, before the new signing curled the ball just wide of the target to the relief of the Gully rear guard.

The injection of Peter Kotsopoulos into the attack proved to be the spark necessary to ignite the Zebras, as the Australian schoolboy international, proved to be a menace for the visitors, whilst at the other end, Andy Vargas was a constant threat for the Zebras, as was Lapsansky who directed the flow of traffic from the midfield.

As the match drew to its final act, neither side relented with fierce challenges, however, despite the frantic final few minutes, neither side was able to break the deadlock with Zoran Markovski coming the closest for the away side, with his strike sailing wide of the Zebras goal.

By Simon Chiarelli



## ROUND FOUR FIXTURES

### OAKLEIGH CANNONS V KINGSTON CITY

Jack Edwards Reserve, Oakleigh Mel: 69 H9 Friday 24th February KO 8.15pm

### FRANKSTON PINES V HEIDELBERG UNITED

Monterey Reserve, Frankston Mel: 99 K8 Saturday 25th February KO 6pm

### ALTONA MAGIC V ESSENDON ROYALS

Paisley Park Reserve, Altona Mel: 55 C5 Saturday 25th February KO 8.15pm

### SOUTH MELBOURNE V PRESTON LIONS

Bob Jane Stadium, Albert Park Mel: 2K F6 Sunday 26th February KO 5pm

### SUNSHINE GEORGIES V MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

Chaplin Reserve, Sunshine Mel: 26 G12 Sunday 26th February KO 6pm

### GREEN GULLY V RICHMOND EAGLES

Green Gully Reserve, Keilor Mel: 14 E8 Sunday 26th February KO 6pm

### BULLEEN ZEBRAS V FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA

Veneto Club, Bulleen Mel: 32 D9 Monday 27th February KO 8.15pm



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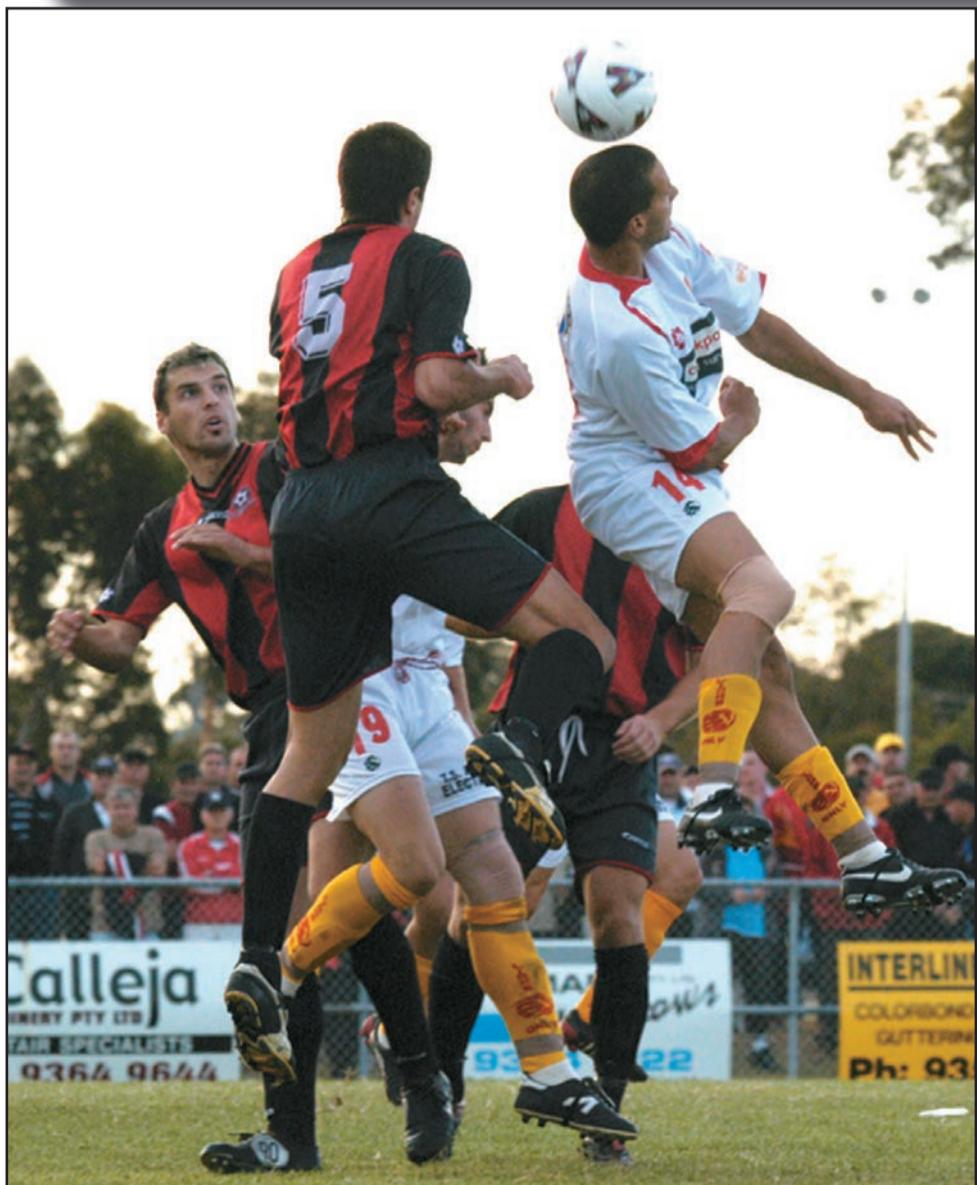


# MAGIC AND LIONS SHARE SPOILS IN PULSATIN DRAW



BIG CROWD TURNS UP FOR DERBY

## Altona Magic 2 - Preston Lions 2



Altona then shocked its opponents when it took the lead just five minutes later after the ball was played through to Sash Becvinovski and the veteran goal scorer had his way with Zilic making it 2-1 to Altona at the break. The home side had the better of the first half and this is the second week it has come from a goal down to lead the game at some point and this shows a trait that will serve them well as the season progresses.

The second half kicked-off with Preston looking to level the scores and get back into the game but its offensive pressure had little effect on Altona. Then a Penalty saw Steven Pace step up and smash the ball into the lower right hand corner to give Preston parity. Both teams probed for the winner and the Magic fans thought they had it when Alfonso Opazo made a striking run and got into the box only to be felled amid cries of penalty from both crowd and players, but the referee waved play on.

The game finished with Preston defender Les Anastasiou being shown his marching orders after a scything tackle amid complaints however the referee was well justified in awarding the card.

By Reuben Schembri

**Ken Murphy**  
Coach, Altona Magic:  
2-2 is always an exciting game for the spectators. It wasn't too bad, but I felt we did enough to take the full points. We copped an early goal again, but then hit a purple patch where we scored the two goals and with a wee bit of luck could have grabbed the third. I thought we did enough to finish them off and to let them come back into it was a bit disappointing at the end. I guess we're still undefeated which is something to look forward to. We've definitely got the character and we're a fighting team.

**Vlado Vanis**  
Coach, Preston Lions:  
I thought both sides played a good game. Both teams were going openly for a win and playing some good football. At the end of the day I think a draw was a fair result in front of a crowd of about four or five thousand people. The last ten minutes we had to battle with ten men against an Altona side that threw everything at us. It was very hard but now I'm just looking forward to the next match against South Melbourne.

Playing in front of a massive crowd of well over 3000 people and in front of the Channel 31 Football Show cameras the spectators witnessed an entertaining match, which ended in a 2-2 stalemate. The win takes Altona to the top and gains Preston its first point of the year.

Preston's coach Vlado Vanis must have been feeling the pressure to produce a result in this game after his side's previous two performances were well below what would be expected at the BT Conner Reserve. Two losses and seven goals against are taking its toll on the Lions faithful. In contrast Ken Murphy's men have surpassed expectation and the result reaffirms their early stranglehold on the competition.

This game began with both teams at arms

length of one another with neither really creating any clear chances but both looking quite sharp and polished in possession. The match turned when a clinical ball from midfield saw Pece Siveski race through on goal having gotten behind the Magic defence. Siveski slipped the ball past a diving Jevdjevic and Lions fans roared as the ball rolled into the net.

The goal seemed to spur the Magic into action and they began to attack with more intensity but the pressure seemed to just roll off the backs of the determined Lions. This was however till a free kick from the corner flag region was whipped in wickedly by Tommy Razov, which went into the far corner of the goal over a bewildered Zilic and squared the ledger.



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## WARRIORS WREAK HAVOC ON BESIEGED ZEBRAS

GOAL FEAST AT THE VILLAGE



### Heidelberg Utd 4 - Bulleen Zebras 1

A Nikola Sabljak strike on the stroke of half time, brought an end to Heidelberg's goal drought in their round three clash with Bulleen Zebras at Olympic Village on Sunday.

The goals poured in the second half for Heidelberg as they added a further three, before Bulleen scored a consolation, for an emphatic 4-1 victory to the home side. After a quiet opening to the half, in which Heidelberg keeper Lupce Acevski needed to make just the one save, an excellent effort to deny Bulleen striker Ben Harbinson's goalbound glancing header, Heidelberg began to pressure the Zebras defence with several crosses into the box from both open play and set pieces.

Captain Eric Vassiliadis was providing

width down the right flank. A Nik Sabljak corner found the head of Robert Liparotti whose effort from the edge of the six yard box was just wide of the post.

Vassiliadis was soon booked for dissent following a disagreement with a refereeing decision. Referee Phil Taverna then banished Bergers coach Phil Stubbins who remonstrated strongly with the referee over the same decision, forcing Stubbins to watch the rest of the match from the stands.

Sabljak's opening goal from 12 metres, came after Bulleen's defence failed to clear a Lee Tsoumerkas cross. Sabljak hit the rebound first time past Zebra keeper Tom Kovar.

The second half saw Heidelberg continue to control the game. Bulleen coach Michael Michalakopoulos, substituted left midfielder Ari Drakos with striker Nick Lazarevski early in the second half. Unfortunately for the Zebras, Vassiliadis was able to exploit space on the Zebra's left flank to supply a cross which led to the referee awarding a penalty for a Peter Kotsopoulos challenge from behind on the Bergers Tony Ouliaris. Vassiliadis made no mistake with the spot kick.

In the 67 th minute Nik Sabljak drew a foul out wide. His powerful 25 metre free kick proved too hot for Zebra keeper Kovar to hold and Heidelberg substitute Yusuf Yusuf gladly pounced on the spill to tap in virtually on the goal line.

Goal of the game went to Ouliaris in the 75 th minute when he finished with a first time shot past an exposed Kovar, following a series of rapid one touch passing involving Saranti Parisos and Nick Marinos which unlocked the Bulleen defence.

Bulleen's consolation came as a result of 40 metre diagonal pass by Kotsopoulos. Substitute Hamlet Armenian received the pass in behind his defender and his chested first touch beat an onrushing Acevski, leaving Armenian to slot the ball into an open net.

It proved to be the only joy for Bulleen in a disappointing performance for their fans.

By George Stogiannou



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KNIGHTS TEACH  
NEW BOYS A LESSON

SECOND WIN IN THREE GAMES FOR KNIGHTS

## Melbourne Knights 2 - Richmond Eagles 0

MELBOURNE Knights scored a 2-0 victory over Vodafone newcomer Richmond in a game of few chances at Knights Stadium on Sunday.

A goal in each half was enough for the Knights to score its second win in the three opening matches of the season and move to the top end of the table.

Melbourne had first use of a strong wind and created the first attacking moves of the match in a confident opening.

After 10 minutes the Knights had their first goal of the afternoon after a mistake by Richmond defender Andy Ross.

A long looping ball from Ryan

Casey caught the defence off guard, and Ross, backing into his own 18-yard box, nodded the ball over the head of the advancing goalkeeper and into the back of the net.

Melbourne continued on the attack after the goal, with midfielder Marco Maisano proving influential and the defence holding strong.

Midway through the half the Knights had a genuine chance to double the advantage when Nathan Caldwell linked neatly with Maisano on the edge of the box.

Maisano's powerfully struck volley curled just over the bar, and Richmond could breathe once again.

The goal scoring shots dried up to-

ward the end of the half as both defences tightened, and Melbourne maintained its advantage at the main break.

The chances continually proved scarce in the second half, despite both teams making substitutions in an attempt to change the direction of the game.

Maisano was replaced by Ivan Klarica in the middle of the half as the Knights moved into a defensive mindset, and still there was no way through for Richmond.

With 10 minutes of normal time remaining the visitors had their best chance of the game, but a flying fingertip save from Adrian Cajalj kept the score at 1-0.

The ball was spread wide to James Baskerville, who crossed into a dangerous position in front of goal before a partial clearance landed in a sea of players in the goal mouth.

A nodded shot was tipped onto the cross bar before bouncing safely into touch.

It looked as though there would be no addition to the score, until Melbourne iced the contest courtesy of a goal from substitute Andrew Barisic.

On a rare foray into the Richmond defensive line, Barisic found some space and fired his shot into the corner of the net from a sharp angle.

By James Taylor



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## NEW BOYS SHOCK TITLE FAVOURITES



**SPITERI BAGS DOUBLE IN AWESOME DISPLAY**

### Kingston City 3 - South Melbourne 0

The Kingston "Millionaires" littered with ex South Melbourne talent throughout its squad, handed out a footballing lesson to their more fancied rivals with a 3-0 home win over the early championship favourites in front of 3,500 spectators. The win clearly indicates that Kingston will not be simply making up the numbers in the 2006 Vodafone Cup season.

The match kicked off at an electrifying pace, which saw Reds talisman Joe Spiteri display all his predatory instincts and pounce on a rebound to open the scoring in the third minute. Dean Anastasiadis's inability to deal with Jim Latinopoulos's free kick gifted the veteran an easy tap in, which silenced the travelling South Melbourne supporters who could be heard for thirty minutes prior to kick off.

Despite conceding early, South Melbourne rallied and began to dominate the match through the experienced midfield duo of Tansel Baser and Fernando De Moraes. South began to play some scintillating football orchestrated by the duo however they could not capitalise in front of goals, thanks to a sturdy Reds defence and a rejuvenated Michael Turnbull in goals.

The ex-Marconi shot stopper was in superb form and twice denied rasping efforts from De Moraes and a half volley attempt from World Cup bound Kevin

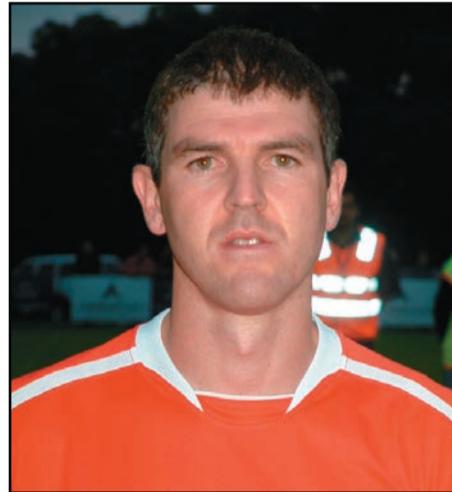
Nelson who was playing under an injury cloud.

The Reds slowly began to grow in confidence as they were able to defend their lead and began to sit on the ball much better through Spiteri and Michael Curcija. Much to the surprise of the majority of the crowd Kingston bagged a second goal in the 36th minute. Curcija's intelligent lay off inside the box fell invitingly for playmaker Joe Di Iorio who smashed his shot past a despairing Anastasiadis and sent the home fans into frenzy.

Both teams were forced to make changes at the half time break due to injury. South was forced to substitute two key players in Nelson as a result of his recurring knee injury, whilst Kingston was forced to substitute fan favourite Nick Tolios who suffered from concussion following a head collision with Arthur Tsonis.

The intensity continued in second half and immediately after the restart Alex Kiratzoglou missed a glorious opportunity to snatch a third for the Reds when he shot wide after being one on with Anastasiadis. At the other end, buoyed by their passionate supporters, South Melbourne continued to rally without much success as Turnbull continued to be the thorn in their plans, when he superbly denied De Moraes again from an acute angle.

Spiteri capped off an unforgettable eve-



**Reds Captain Joe Spiteri**

ning for the Reds in his Man of the Match performance, when he added a third in the closing stages. Spiteri out muscled young defender Jonas Salley on the wing and then continued on his solo effort by sending Anastasiadis the wrong way with a wonderful finish.

The difference between the two sides on the night was Kingston's clinical finishing, which has brought justified rewards for George Katsakis and his men. The Reds will certainly temporarily silence the critics who have questioned Kingston's ambitions for the 2006 season. In contrast John Anastasiadis will be bitterly disappointed with the way his side lost.

By Chris Priftis

**George Katsakis**  
Coach, Kingston City :  
I said to the boys before the game that we need to show character from here on because coming from a loss and the having the players we signed, people start to doubt us and ask questions. To the boys credit, they were quite disciplined, kept their shape, were organised, didn't turn over the ball as much as last week and obviously the result came. I think our experience showed today as did our mobility.

**John Anastasiadis**  
Coach, South Melbourne:  
It was obviously pretty disappointing for us to lose. We conceded a goal very early on which was a bit of a blow and put us under the pump. I thought we played quite well in the first half but couldn't capitalise up front. I don't think a 3-0 scoreline justified a true indication on the way the game panned out. We were competitive in the second half but found ourselves lacking in the final third and came up against a 'keeper who had an excellent game.



**Joe Di Iorio bagged his first goal for the 2006 season.**



**Although out in force South fans were sent home packing by the Vodafone Cup newboys**

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# PIR HANDS ROYALS OPENING VICTORY

**TWO RED CARDS AND SUTALO STEADY BETWEEN STICKS**

**Essendon Royals 1 - Sunshine Georgies 0**

A late winner by Serdar Pir earned the Essendon Royals a 1-0 victory over an in-form Sunshine Georgies at the Veneto Club on Monday night in Round three of the Vodafone Cup.

Following the dismissals of Essendon captain Nicholas Schwal and Sunshine's Craig Platt for unrelated incidents, Sunshine was made to rue missed chances when the Royals gained the ascendancy late in the contest before Serdar Pir slotted home a late winner to earn the Royals victory in another spirited performance.

Despite an uninspiring opening, minutes into the match, Sunshine was awarded an indirect free kick in the penalty area following an infraction committed by Marko Sutalo. Johnny Cvetanoski stepped up to take the resulting free kick but was only able to blast into the wall, in a bizarre commencement to the contest.

Soon after, the Georgies were gifted another opportunity to take the lead when following good build up play between Craig Platt and Dusko Delic, bollocking forward Tony Neceski was able to latch on to the ball before shooting into the hands of a grateful Sutalo.

However, against the run of play Simon Kovacevic fouled Catalano on the edge of the area, before Nicholas Schwal slammed the free kick goalwards, only to be denied by a spectacular save from former Altona Magic custodian Martin John.

Following a stunning victory against Preston the week previous, Sunshine was high on confidence and was unlucky not to take the early advantage, as a near post header by target man Neceski forced a low reflex save by Sutalo. Moments later he was again denied by the Royals 'keeper as a free kick by Cvetanoski, found Neceski unmarked at the back post but the Royals custodian was equal to the task, as Sutalo continued to display his undoubted worth to Essendon.

The Georgies were soon made to rue their early missed opportunities as new recruit Craig Platt was sent off for his second book-able offence in the first half hour, following an unnecessary foul on Cameron Miles, reducing the Sunshine side down to ten men.

Platt's dismissal flared the emotions of both side's as the contest broke down into an increasingly physical affair.

The Georgies came out rejuvenated after the break and despite being a man down pushed forwards in search of an opener and it wasn't long before Brett Gilmour broke free on the right and unleashed a shot that was parried away by the brilliant Sutalo. From the resulting corner, Colin Azzopardi went close to opening the scoring as he headed just wide of the mark.



Essendon lacked fluency and composure in the midfield, as they struggled to break down the resolute Georgies and seemed bereft of attacking flair.

On the hour mark, a melee broke out between the two sides and in the aftermath, the Royals were too reduced to 10 men as captain Nicholas Schwal was given his marching orders.

The dismissal of Schwal further ignited the spirits of the Georgies who began to again dominate proceedings. Tony Neceski latched on to a sweeping ball by Emmanuel Muscat, before firing high of the target. Essendon found itself under siege as former St Albans midfielder Ivan Filipovic made a run to the by-line before finding the impressive Trent Waterson at the back post, but again another chance was wasted as the chance firing wide, gifting Essendon another lifeline.

As has become the custom, Essendon's trademark fighting qualities came to the forefront as the contest entered its frantic finale, with Nathan Thomas denied following a goal line clearance. On the counter Essendon opened the scoring in the 82nd minute as youngster James Verkic played a ball behind the defence that found Serdar Pir, who slotted past an oncoming Martin John to score the unlikely winner.

Sunshine pushed all resources forward in the final few minutes before Dusko Delic spurned a golden chance to equalise. As he found himself unmarked twelve yards out, he fired high to the despair of the side and its small band of travelling supporters. However, their late efforts were to no avail as Essendon recorded its opening victory of the season.

By Simon Chiarelli

**Luciano Trani,  
Coach, Essendon Royals :**

"After the performance we put in last week, we wanted to reinforce the consistency aspect of it. It's no good to actually come up with a performance one week and a flat one the week after. The ability to back up from last week was a really pleasing aspect of our performance tonight. Marko Sutalo has been fantastic for us so far and his two games so far have been outstanding, however, now we have to maintain consistency individually"

**Chris Taylor  
Coach, Sunshine Georgies :**

"We're very disappointed, I thought with eleven men we looked much the better side and we missed a few chances, worked hard with ten men, and then got back to an even amount of players and I thought we looked quite good. A silly mistake for the goal, we keep going on about mistakes we made last year and we're not learning from that. At the end we had quite good chances but at the end of the day we had a lot of good chances (but) if you can't score goals you can't win matches"



**Right: Sunshine's Craig Platt was sent off early on in the game**

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## PINES HOLD ON IN A SCRAPPY WIN



**CHAMPS KO'D AGAIN**

**Green Gully 0 - Frankston Pines 1**

**A goal within the first minute of play by the Frankston Pines was enough to earn the visitors a valuable away win against the current reigning Champions, the Green Gully Cavaliers. On a wind swept evening at Green Gully Reserve, which was not conducive to football, ideally suiting the visitors style of play.**

The Cavaliers and the Pines fielded a surprise goalkeeping change each; Ante Loncaric in for Pasi Schwaleger, and Kerren McIvor in for Brad Zelley. Also another

notable inclusion for the champions was Michael Batinovic in for Jeffery Flemming who was away on international duty for the New Zealand national team.

The visitors stunned the home side within the first minute of play, as a cheeky Nick Wait flick caught out the Cavaliers defense. Andreas Oliviera swooped onto Wait's flick, blasting home from just inside the box, giving Loncaric no chance.

It took the reigning champions at least a

quarter of an hour of football to settle. The Cavaliers came close to equalizing in the 20th minute, after a deep Lubo Lapsansky cross was skied over the bar by Rody Vargas from only a few yards out.

Surprisingly the visitors held their own in the first half, closing down the Cavaliers at every opportunity. The Cavaliers desperately pressed for the equalizer, spurning a couple of half chances late in the first half.

The second half opened in a familiar first

half pattern, with Gully making all the running, and the visitors' sitting back and patiently waiting to strike on the counter. Again a number of half chances fell Gully's way, but it seemed that lady luck had deserted the reigning champs.

The visitors held on to a gallant draw, yet again defying the critics, and proving to be competitive in Victoria's top flight.

**By Bruno Zovko**



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# CANNONS' CHANCE TO GRAB TOP SPOT IN VODAFONE CUP

**BLUES SEEK REVENGE FOR 2005 ELIMINATION FINAL RESULT**

## Fawkner/Whittlesea v Oakleigh Cannons

Tonight's game is between the Fawkner/Whittlesea Blues and the Oakleigh Cannons, which is also a repeat of last years' elimination clash. In that encounter, the Cannons dished out a 3-0 drubbing to the Blues, unceremoniously cutting short their 2005 campaign with their worst defeat of the season.

The Cannons have had a perfect start to their season, gaining maximum points from their opening two fixtures. The Cannons on 'paper', have arguably assembled the best squad in the league, with new signings Esala Masi and Bill Damianos making an immediate impact for their new club, as both have already found the back of the net after two rounds. Also, Juan Nilo is set to come back from injury, adding another ace up Munro's sleeve.

The visitors blazing start to the season and team bonding exercise over the weekend in Ballarat, will no doubt see the boys from Oakleigh oozing with confidence, and yet again eager to repeat last years elimination final route.

Whilst unfortunately for the home side, they are yet to open their account for 2006, and confidence is something the Blues will be desper-

ately looking for on Monday night after some recent poor form.

John Markovski was a surprise inclu-

clash at Bob Jane Stadium. So the burning question is will the Blues' 'Gaffer' include himself in tonight's starting line-up.

We can only guess what will take place, but in the past, Markovski's best track record is when he has used himself off the bench. Last year's game at Epping Stadium saw the old maestro net himself a quick double within minutes of coming on as a late substitute, and subsequently cheekily subbing himself off after his double much to the dismay of the traveling Georgies supporters.

The Cannons have the opportunity to claim outright top spot in the Vodafone Cup if they win tonight. But subsequently, it is also hard to see that such a talented Blues squad losing three on the trot, as another loss by the home side will see their season go slightly pear shaped.

My tip, a 1-1 draw. Markovski to come off the bench and equalize in the 83rd minute.

**Tony Ciancer**  
**Asst Coach, Fawkner Blues :**

At this stage we haven't yet announced the squad because we've got five or six injuries. We are struggling to field a team and are looking at some of the fringe players and younger boys that we have in our team to step up and rise to the occasion. It will be a good chance for them to stake a claim as regulars in the side. We've got our backs against the wall at the moment.

**Stuart Munro**  
**Coach, Oakleigh Cannons :**

We're really looking forward to it. We've had a couple of days away in Ballarat this weekend so the players can get to know each other better and also to do some serious training. It's going to be a difficult game. I expect Fawkner will be pretty fired up to get their first win on the board and it will no doubt make the game very difficult for us. I hope my boys can go out and perform the way I know they can. If they do that I'll be quite happy.



**Fawkner's top marksman Sash Ognenovski is one of many Blues under an injury cloud**

By Bruno Zovko

### MONDAY MATCH STATS

	Blues	Cannons
Recent form HOME	W·W·L·L	W·W·L·W
Recent form AWAY	D·D·W·L	L·W·L·W

Next info is based on last 50 matches

Home win	50%	50%
Home draw	14%	29%
Home lost	36%	21%
Home goals	1.79 per match	1.71 per match
Away win	36%	43%
Away draw	36%	21%
Away lost	29%	36%
Away goals	1.64 per match	2.07 per match

Fawkner-W - Oakleigh - PAST MATCHES:

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**MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY**

# FLEMING RECEIVES NZ CALL UP

**GREEN GULLY** midfielder Jeffrey Fleming is living out a boyhood dream while strapping on the all white uniform of New Zealand this month.

Fleming, 26, was picked as part of a 20-man squad to play two matches against Malaysia on 19 and 23 February.

“I’m rapt about it. It’s been a dream of mine since I started playing soccer to play for my country,” he said.

“It was out of the blue. I always hoped there would be an opportunity for me, but I never really thought it would come around.”

The series is Fleming’s chance to play in his first senior international, following from the 10 appearances he made in the New Zealand under 20 team while living across the Tasman.

Born in Christchurch and started playing soccer at age five, Fleming made the move to Australia in 2001 at age 21. “Soccer was the main reason I came to Melbourne, to play at a different level,” he said.

“My game is to work hard and just do the simple things. I think in the last couple of years I have improved a lot.”

Fleming was quick to identify the positive influence Green Gully had on his chance to play for the all-whites, having been exposed to a high level of competi-

tion one of the country’s best soccer leagues.

He also pointed to his trip to play in the New Zealand national league last year, and the influence of fellow Vodafone Cup and current New Zealand player Vaughan Coveny, as other reasons his name may have been thrown up.

Fleming is hoping to start his ascent into the New Zealand ranks this month, realising he has the opportunity to be part of the all-whites’ campaign to make the next World Cup if he performs well.

“There’s two games, so hopefully for at least one of those I’ll get a good run,” he said.

“I know they want to win, but at the same time they are going to try different players, because they’re trying to build New Zealand soccer up a bit.”

“They’re trying to aim for 2010 (World Cup), so it’s the starting point where they’re trying to have a look at as many players as possible.”

Upon his return, he hopes to continue his rise in the Vodafone Cup as he maintains a desire to play at the highest level possible.

“My main goal for the moment is to work hard for Green Gully, but if an opportunity came up for me to play with an A-League club, I’d love to,” he said.

By Adrian Ceddia

Adrian Ceddia reports accurately for the South East Newspaper Group and predominately for the Star Newspaper



Jeffrey Fleming in the midfield for Gully against Oakleigh in round one of the Vodafone Cup now prepares for international duty with the All Whites



## JUNIOR ACADEMY KICKS OFF AT WAVERLEY

**Waverley Wanderers Soccer Club** has kicked off its junior soccer academy at Carlson Reserve. The program operates under the name of “Australian School of Football Academy” and is setup for boys and girls aged 5 to 15.

The kids are shown all aspects of the game from introduction, basic skill, to advanced levels of competitive play. The school’s professional coaching staff is headed by leading junior academy coach, Martin De Korte, who has been responsible for developing junior players in Australia for over ten years. The Academy’s main focus is to

turn a player’s natural talent into the necessary skill required to play competitive football. Players are grouped according to their age and skill level so as to maximize their learning and enjoyment. This also ensures a fun and competitive environment.

There are no more than ten kids per coach which gives each child equal opportunity to develop their skills. Sessions are held 6:30pm every Monday night at Carlson Reserve and all boys and girls are welcome. Each registered child receives an academy shirt, shorts, socks, soccer ball and drink bottle.

Waverley Wanderers see this program as an important addition to

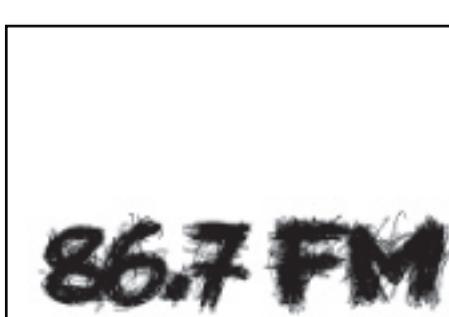
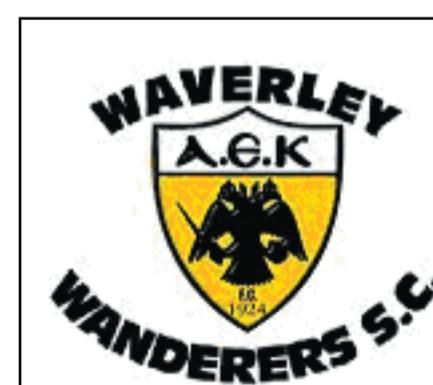
the club and a key component in establishing itself in the local area and in the general football community.

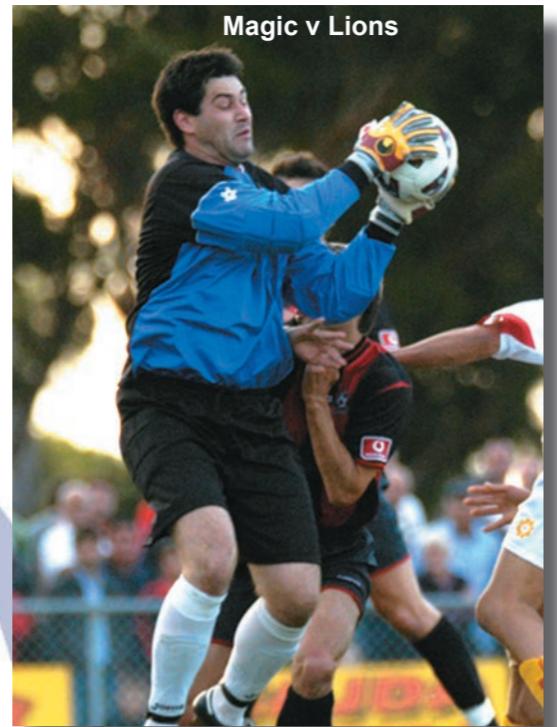
Club president Tim Dakis says this academy is designed to give parents in the area a place to bring their children where they can learn more than just football. “We wanted to set up a school for everyone. It’s a place for kids who have natural football talent and want to work on their game under the guidance of professionals, to kids who don’t know anything about the game but want to learn.”

It’s all about getting involved and keeping active. It’s not just football. Things learnt at our football acad-

emy can be used in daily life and help bring self esteem, confidence and promote a healthy lifestyle.”

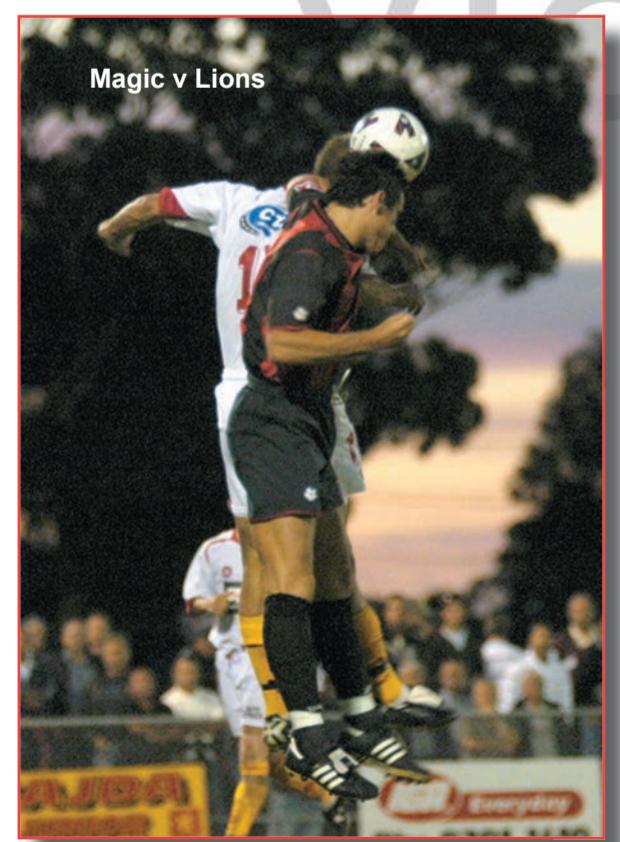
To learn more about the Academy call Steven Mitsioulis on 0414 461 279 or visit the Academy’s website; <http://www.schooloffootball.com.au>





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**MANNY MUSCAT**  
SUNSHINE GEORGIES FC

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A large, dynamic photograph of Manny Muscat in a red Sunshine Georgies FC jersey, wearing the number 10. He is in mid-stride, running towards the ball on a grassy field. The background is blurred, showing spectators and trees. The FFA logo is in the bottom left corner.

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# CZECH REPUBLIC

Deutschland Bound



Top row: Tomas Hübshman, Marek Jankulovski, Vratislav Lokvenc, Jan Koller, Marek Heinz, Milan Baros, Roman Tyce, Miroslav Matusovic

Middle row: Zdenek Grygera, Pavel Mares, Rene Bolf, David Rozehnal, Stepan Vachousek, Jaroslav Plasil, Tomas Galasek, Tomas Rosicky

Front row: Antonin Kinsky, Pavel Nedved, Karel Poborsky, Miroslav Beranek, Karel Brückner, Petr Cech, Jan Stejskal, Jaroslav Silhavy, Tomas Ujfalus, Vladimir Smicer, Jaroslav Blazek



**Coach:** Karel Brückner.

**Key players:** Pavel Nedved, Tomas Rosicky, Milan Baros.

**World Cup record and best finish:**

First appearance (as Czechoslovakia: eight appearances, runner-up 1938, 1962).

Last appearance: Quarterfinals 1990.

**World Cup odds:** 20-1.

**How qualified:** Beat Norway in European playoffs.

## GROUP E

**USA v Czech Republic:** Gelsenkirchen, Monday 12 June 2006 KO 6pm

**Czech Republic v Ghana:** Cologne, Saturday 17th June 2006 KO 6pm

**Czech Republic v Italy:** Hamburg, Thursday 22nd June 2006 KO 4pm

\* KO in German Summer Time

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# FOOTBALL FOCUS...WITH MANNY MUSCAT

**Manny Muscat**  
**Sunshine Georgies**  
**Position: left wing back**  
**Age: 21 years old**

**Outfield player you most enjoy watching in the VPL?**  
 There's a few players

**In the world?**  
 Beckham, Lampard

**Hardest keeper and team to score against?**  
 Dean Anastasiadis-South Melbourne

**Occupation?**  
 Sale Consultant (Property Development)

**Craziest team mate of all time?**  
 Tony Neceski

**Most influential coach of all time?**  
 Chris Taylor

**Most memorable match as a player?**  
 Georgies vs Knights 2005 last game of the season

**As a fan?**  
 Australia vs Uruguay

**Where were you when Australia drew 2-2 with Iran?**  
 I was actually at the ground amongst the crowd and was absolutely devastated like everyone else. We were so close but ended up going home in silence.

**And when Australia qualified for the World Cup against Uruguay?**  
 Yeah! What a difference that was. I wouldn't have missed it for the world, I was there with a couple of mates and we ended up meeting with some of the players after match and celebrated with them.

**Predict the following results:**  
 Australia vs Japan- 1-0  
 Australia vs Brazil – 0-2  
 Australia vs Croatia – 2-1

**Your tip for the 2006 World Cup?**  
 Hopefully Australia but I'm sure it will probably be Brazil.

**For the Hyundai A-League?**  
 I'm going to be original and say Sydney FC, unless that's what everyone else is saying.

**Representative honours?**  
 Mmmmm! Can I get back to you on that one?

**Most memorable goal you've scored?**  
 Against St Albans season 2005

**Record number of juggles in single attempt?**  
 Over the 100 mark, what do you expect?

**Steak, chicken parma or seafood?**  
 Chicken parma please...

**Chips, veggies or salad?**  
 ...With chips thanks

**Pizza or souvlaki?**  
 Pizza, normally have to wait too long in the queue to get a souvlaki at some of these VPL grounds.

**Favourite drink, non alcoholic and alcoholic?**  
 JD and coke, lots of ice.

**Favourite nightspot?**  
 Q Bar

**My next holiday destination is...**  
 Prague, Malta and Barcelona

**Kitchen whiz or home handyman?**  
 Home Handyman

**What's in the CD player right now?**  
 Can't pin it down right now, It's a burnt CD with all sorts on it. I listen to anything.

**Dream date?**  
 There's a few.

**First Vodafone Cup player you'd**

**invite to a party?**  
 Good friend of mine, Hrvoja Matkovic of the Melbourne Knights. No one else.

**On the end of season trip, the last player to shout drinks will be...**  
 Can't say. Otherwise I definitely won't get a drink.

**Match day superstitions or rituals?**

Sign of the cross before the game.

**Typical match day meal?**  
 Pasta meal, need the carbs.

**Favorite sporting team while growing up?**



Man Utd.

**What are your strengths?**  
 My pace.

**What are your weaknesses?**  
 I dunno, do I really have any?

**Ten pin bowling or skydiving?**  
 Neither.

**Toughest opponent?**  
 Kingston's Michael Curcija.

**Select a player that you play most like?**  
 I really don't know.

**Which team do you select when**

**playing FIFA soccer on a computer game?**  
 Man Utd, the odd time Real Madrid.

**What is the last soccer shirt you bought?**  
 Real Madrid (Beckham Shirt).

**Funniest rumour you have heard about yourself?**  
 Not telling, that's how rumours start.

**Childhood soccer idol?**  
 Diego Maradona.

**Favorite former Socceroo?**  
 Kevin Muscat.

**Favourite Current Socceroo?**  
 Harry Kewell.

**What song or movie to do you get inspiration from?**  
 There's plenty too choose from.

**Do you watch Footballers Wives?**  
 I used to not any more, no time too busy training.

**Most hostile away crowd?**  
 Preston would have to win that one.

**If I didn't play football I'd play...**  
 Soccer.

**Hollywood is making a movie about your career. Who would you select to play you in a movie?**  
 I don't care who played me as long as my girlfriend in the movie was Jessica Alba.

**Any other bits of Manny Muscat trivia you want us to reveal?**  
 The less they know the better.

**By John Bonacci**



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# WORLD FOOTBALL WEEKEND WRAP

## Argentina veteran Diego Simeone calls it a day

Former Argentina captain Diego Simeone ended his 19-year playing career after his



side Racing Club fell to defeat at Estudiantes on Friday night in Clausura action. The 35-year-old midfielder is Argentina's all-time most-capped player with 106 international appearances and he made a name for himself in his lengthy club career in Europe as well as playing in three World Cups.

Simeone, who will now take over the reigns as Racing Club manager, played for Sevilla and Atlético Madrid in Spain and with Inter Milan and Lazio in Italy before returning to play for Racing Club in 2005. Simeone was part of the Inter Milan side that won the 1997/98 UEFA Cup and he also won league titles with Atlético in 1995/96 and with Lazio in 1999/2000. He had plans to end his career at the end of the current Clausura tournament, but after Racing manager Fernando Quiroz resigned a fortnight ago, he was encouraged to take over the club.

## Comfortable wins for Barcelona and Real Madrid

Ronaldinho's return at Barcelona led the Blaugrana to a 5-1 win over Betis, while Real Madrid were inspired by Brazilians as well, to beat Alavés at Bernabeu.

FC Barcelona - Real Betis 5-1

FC Barcelona easily defeated Real Betis at Camp Nou. Swedish striker Henrik Larsson put the Catalans ahead after 17 minutes, and Samuel Eto'o added a second twelve minutes later.



Ronaldinho, back from his suspension,

showed his value by scoring in the 34th and 59th minutes. Joaquin got one back for Betis in the 62nd, but Lionel Messi scored another for Barcelona in the 85th minute, 5-1.

### Real Madrid - Alavés 3-0

Real Madrid had a comfortable win over Alavés, with Guti opening the score after only five minutes. Brazilians Robinho and Cicinho scored in the 11th and 78th minutes respectively, to set the score to 3-0.

### Sevilla - Celta de Vigo 1-0

Ten minutes had been played in the Andalucian town of Sevilla when Argentinian Javier Pedro Saviola scored for the hosts. Celta failed to reply, and allow Sevilla to take their fifth position in the Liga.

### Villarreal - Espanyol 4-0

Villarreal are back on the right track with a 4-0 win over Espanyol. Alessio Tacchini broke the deadlock after 23 minutes, and Marcos Senna doubled the lead in the 35th. Uruguayan Diego Forlán added a second, just two minutes later, and Hector Font set the score to 4-0 in the 81st minute.

## Bordeaux close gap, Auxerre and Lille change places

Bordeaux reduced the gap on Lyon to seven points with a comfortable 2-0 win at Ajaccio. Auxerre dropped to fourth after stumbling to a 1-0 defeat at Sochaux while Lille move up to third, beating St. Etienne 2-0 away.

### Ajaccio - Bordeaux 0-2

Moroccan international Marouane Chamakh opened the scoring for Bordeaux in the 31st minute and Denilson grabbed his second goal of the season to seal the win for the visitors just before the hour.

### St. Etienne - Lille 0-2

A goal in each half from Deduchy and striker Kader Keita, in the 31st and 57th minute respectively, gave Lille only their third away victory of the season to move them up to third in the table.

### Sochaux - Auxerre 1-0

Auxerre's miserable away form continued as they lost by a single goal to lowly Sochaux. Striker Moumouni Dagano scored the winner for the home side in the very first minute.

### Paris Saint Germain - Le Mans 0-1

A Cedric Faure penalty after just five minutes stretched Le Mans' unbeaten run to six games. Paris Saint Germain have now failed to win in five matches.

### Nice - Monaco 2-0

A penalty from former Manchester United striker David Bellion after eight minutes and Bakari Kone's strike 14 minutes from time proved enough to seal victory for Nice. They jump up a massive five places in the tightly packed mid-table.

### Rennes - Lens 4-1

A hat-trick from Nigerian forward John Utaka helped end Rennes recent losing streak as they thrashed the visitors in emphatic style. He opened the scoring on 37 minutes before netting his second on the stroke of half-time. Monterubbio added a third in the 73rd minute before Utaka completed his brace six minutes later. Lens' Daniel Cousin grabbed a late consolation in injury time.

### Toulouse - Strasbourg 1-2

Strugglers Strasbourg earned a vital away win to close the gap on Ajaccio to a single point. They took an early fifth minute lead through midfielder Pontus Farnerud and doubled their advantage on the hour when Abdessaki converted a penalty. Daniel Moreira pulled one back for the hosts with 14 minutes of normal time remaining but Strasbourg clung on.

### Troyes - Nancy 0-1

Troyes, seeking their first win in seven matches, went down to a solitary goal from Nancy's top scorer Monsef Zerka on the hour – his sixth league goal of the season.

Lyon defeated Nantes on Friday to maintain their comfortable lead in the French Ligue 1.

Juninho opened the score for the reigning champions in the ninth minute, and Mahamadou Diarra added a second in the 35th. When Fred scored Lyon's third in the 57th minute, the match was practically decided. Mamadou Diallo did get one back for Nantes in the 74th minute, to set the final score to 3-1.

Lyon now have 59 points from 26 matches, ten points more than second-placed Bordeaux.

## Juventus and Inter held, Milan win

Juventus were held to a draw at Messina on Saturday, and allow AC Milan, who defeated Cagliari at home, to close in. Internazionale meanwhile, dropped to third position due to a draw at Livorno.

### Messina - Juventus 2-2

Sergio Floccari put the hosts in the lead after only three minutes, but the visitors from Turin levelled through Zlatan Ibrahimovic in the 18th.

Fabio Cannavaro was sent off for Juve in the 51st minute, but his side did take the lead when Adrian Mutu converted a penalty in the 51st. However, Messina's Floccari got another in the 86th minute to set the score to 2-2.

### AC Milan - Cagliari 1-0

A penalty converted by Alberto Gilardino put AC Milan in the lead at San Siro stadium. Cagliari could not score back and are only one point away from the relegation zone.

### Livorno - Internazionale 0-0

No goals were scored at Livorno versus Internazionale. The Nerazzuri now have 55 points from 26 matches, while AC Milan are second with 57. Juventus still lead comfortably, with 67 points.

## Hannover hold Bayern, Werder beat Dortmund

The difference between Bayern Munich and Werder Bremen was reduced to nine points on Saturday, as Bayern drew with Hannover while Werder won at Borussia Dortmund.

### Hannover 96 - Bayern Munich 1-1

Bayern only just managed to earn a point at Hannover 96. The hosts opened the score with a goal from Thomas Brdaric in the 56th minute, but playmaker Michael Ballack levelled with just one minute left to play in regular time.

Borussia Dortmund - Werder Bremen 0-1 Werder Bremen needed only one goal to get three points at Borussia Dortmund. Ivan Klasnic was responsible for the decider in the 37th minute.

### Hertha BSC - Schalke 04 1-2

Gerald Asamoah's 6th-minute goal for Schalke was cancelled out by Alexander Madlung in the 34th minute, but Zlatan Bajramovic restored the visitors' lead just before half time.

Fabian Ernst was sent off for Schalke in the 66th minute, but Gilberto followed for Hertha in the 85th.

### Borussia M'gladbach - Cologne 2-0

Cologne went down to ten when Roland Benschneider was sent off in the 28th minute. Things got worse for the guests when Christian Lell scored an own goal in Mönchengladbach's favour in the 54th minute. A second goal was added by Oliver Neuville, twenty minutes later.

### Bayer Leverkusen - Duisburg 3-2

Bayer had a good start with goals from Paul Freier and Tranquillo Barnetta in the 7th and 9th minutes respectively, but Duisburg's Klemen Lavric netted in the 42nd and 65th minutes to level the score. But the visiting side had Marino Biliskov expulsed in the 77th minute, and Dimitar Berbatov took advantage by scoring for 3-2, eight minutes later.

### Kaiserslautern - Arminia Bielefeld 2-0

Kaiserslautern achieved their fifth win of the season and are close to leaving the relegation zone. Nine minutes had been played when Boubacar Sanogo opened the score, and the same player also took care of the second goal in the 88th minute.

### Nurnberg - Wolfsburg 1-0

Nurnberg took the lead with a goal from Ivan Saenko in the 16th minute, and Wolfsburg failed to use the remaining time to score an equalizer.

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## WORLD FOOTBALL WEEKEND RESULTS

## Argentina - Primera Division

Velez - Quilmes 2 - 0

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt	11	Norwich	35	13	7	15	42	47	46
1 Estudiantes	5	3	2	0	11	6	11	12	Coventry	35	11	11	13	47	53	44
2 Velez	5	3	2	0	7	2	11	13	Burnley	34	12	7	15	41	43	43
3 Newell's	5	3	1	1	11	6	10	14	Plymouth	34	10	13	11	32	38	43
4 Colon	4	3	1	0	5	2	10	15	Queens PR	34	11	9	14	38	48	42
5 River Plate	4	3	0	1	11	4	9	16	Stoke	33	12	4	17	35	47	40
6 Independiente	4	2	1	1	7	2	7	17	Hull	35	9	11	15	37	43	38
7 Boca Juniors	4	2	1	1	7	4	7	18	Southampton	34	7	16	11	30	36	37
8 Banfield	5	2	1	2	9	9	7	19	Leicester	35	8	13	14	38	46	37
9 Lanus	4	2	1	1	4	4	7	20	Derby	35	6	17	12	42	52	35
10 Arg. Juniors	4	1	3	0	5	4	6	21	Sheffield W	35	8	10	17	27	43	34
11 Gimnasia J	4	2	0	2	4	6	6	22	Millwall	35	5	14	16	25	47	29
12 Quilmes	5	2	0	3	4	6	6	23	Brighton	35	5	14	16	31	55	29
13 Arsenal Sar	4	1	2	1	2	2	5	24	Crewe	34	4	11	19	39	74	23
14 San Lorenzo	4	1	1	2	4	4	4									
15 Olimpo	4	1	1	2	3	4	4									
16 Tiro Federal	4	1	0	3	3	9	3									
17 Gimnasia LP	4	0	2	2	2	4	2									
18 Rosario	4	0	1	3	1	5	1									
19 Racing	5	0	1	4	3	10	1									
20 Instituto	4	0	1	3	2	12	1									

## Austria - T-Mobile Bundesliga

Rapid Wien - Mattersburg 2 - 0, Sturm - GAK 0 - 0,

Tirol - Austria Wien 0 - 2

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt	3	Huddersfield	34	16	11	7	55	42	59
1 Austria Wien	22	13	4	5	30	17	43	4	Swansea	34	15	12	7	60	38	57
2 Salzburg	22	13	1	8	33	24	40	5	Brentford	31	16	9	6	52	34	57
3 Rapid Wien	23	10	7	6	38	26	37	6	Barnsley	33	15	10	8	47	31	55
4 GAK	22	10	5	7	32	23	35	7	Oldham	34	14	8	12	44	45	50
5 Superfund	22	9	6	7	27	20	33	8	Chesterfield	34	12	12	10	49	46	48
6 SV Ried	22	8	9	5	33	28	33	9	Doncaster	32	14	4	14	40	39	46
7 Tirol	23	6	9	8	26	32	27	10	Nottingham	34	12	8	14	42	41	44
8 Sturm	23	6	8	9	27	34	26	11	Port Vale	33	12	7	14	34	39	43
9 Mattersburg	23	6	4	13	24	40	22	12	Bradford	34	9	15	10	35	34	42
10 Admira	22	3	3	16	24	50	12	13	Tranmere	34	9	14	11	36	35	41

## Belgium - Jupiler League

Charleroi - Lierse SK 0 - 1, Lokeren - Sint-Truiden 1 - 2, Westerlo - Roeselare 3 - 2, AA Gent - Excelsior M 0 - 0, Zulte-Waregem - Racing Genk 1 - 0, Standard - Cercle 7 - 1

Gf	Ga	Pt	Team	T	W	D	L	11	Carlisle	34	17	8	9	61	34	59
1 Anderlecht	23	13	7	3	49	22	46	12	Wycombe	34	14	17	3	60	40	59
2 Standard	22	14	3	5	40	20	45	13	Northampton	34	14	15	5	48	29	57
3 Club Brugge	22	12	7	3	37	21	43	14	Grimsby	33	17	6	10	49	31	57
4 Zulte-Waregem	23	12	4	7	42	34	40	15	Orient	33	15	10	8	51	42	55
5 Racing Genk	23	10	7	6	37	29	37	16	Peterboro	34	14	10	10	45	33	52
6 Westerlo	22	10	5	7	31	26	35	17	Cheltenham	33	13	11	9	43	39	50
7 AA Gent	23	10	5	8	30	27	35	18	Lincoln C	34	11	16	7	45	39	49
8 Lokeren	23	8	8	7	32	33	32	19	Bristol R	34	13	8	13	45	52	47
9 Charleroi	22	8	6	8	22	26	30	20	Darlington	34	11	13	10	44	36	46
10 FC Brussels	22	7	8	7	24	24	29	21	Wrexham	31	12	9	10	46	34	45
11 G.B.A.	22	8	3	11	30	36	27	22	Shrewsbury	34	11	11	12	40	40	44
12 Roeselare	22	6	8	8	35	30	26	23	Notts County	34	11	10	13	36	45	43
13 Cercle	23	7	4	12	29	43	25	24	Boston	33	9	15	9	37	40	42
14 Excelsior M	23	7	3	13	31	35	24		Rochdale	31	11	6	14	49	51	39
15 Sint-Truiden	23	5	7	11	24	34	22		Macclesfield	33	8	15	10	44	51	39
16 Beveren	22	6	3	13	25	36	21		Mansfield	34	9	11	14	46	53	38
17 La Louviere	21	4	7	10	19	38	19		Oxford Utd	33	8	13	12	32	42	37
18 Lierse SK	23	4	7	12	14	37	19		Chester	32	9	9	14	42	48	36

## Chile - Primera Division

Colo Colo - Everton CD 5 - 3

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt	24	Rushden & D	34	7	9	18	32	58	30





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# WORLD FOOTBALL WEEKEND RESULTS

## Greece - A Ethniki

OFI - Aigaleo 1 - 0, Larisa - PAOK 2 - 1

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
Olympiakos	19	17	0	2	41	12	51
AEK Athens	19	14	3	2	26	12	45
Panathinaik	19	12	3	4	33	17	39
Iraklis	19	9	4	6	23	18	31
PAOK	20	8	6	6	29	20	30
Xanthi	19	8	5	6	22	17	29
Aigaleo	20	7	7	6	17	20	28
Atromitos/H.	19	7	5	7	21	20	26
Larisa	20	7	5	8	22	25	26
Ionikos	19	5	8	6	25	25	23
Kalamaria	19	6	5	8	19	25	23
Levadiakos	19	4	5	10	11	21	17
OFI	20	3	8	9	11	23	17
Panionios	19	4	3	12	16	32	15
Kallithea	19	2	7	10	17	29	13
Akratitos	19	2	4	13	9	26	10

## Scotland - Premier League

Aberdeen - Falkirk 1 - 0, Dundee United - Inverness 2 - 4, Hearts - Motherwell 3 - 0, Kilmarnock - Livingston 3 - 1, Rangers - Hibernian 2 - 0

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
Celtic	26	20	4	2	66	27	64
Hearts	27	16	6	5	54	22	54
Rangers	27	13	7	7	46	31	46
Hibernian	27	14	3	10	48	36	45
Kilmarnock	27	12	8	7	52	43	44
Inverness	27	9	12	6	41	32	39
Aberdeen	27	9	11	7	32	30	38
Motherwell	27	9	6	12	40	48	33
Dundee U	27	6	9	12	31	46	27
Falkirk	27	5	6	16	25	51	21
Dunfermline	26	4	6	16	22	47	18
Livingston	27	2	6	19	14	58	12

## Scotland - First Division

Airdrie United - Ross County 2 - 3, Clyde - Dundee FC 3 - 3, Hamilton - St. Johnstone 1 - 2, Queen of the South - Brechin 0 - 0, St. Mirren - Stranraer 3 - 1

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
St. Mirren	27	16	7	4	40	23	55
Ross County	26	14	7	5	39	27	49
St. Johnst	27	13	9	5	44	24	48
Clyde	27	11	9	7	41	33	42
Hamilton	27	10	11	6	41	34	41
Dundee FC	26	8	13	5	36	32	37
Airdrie U	27	8	8	11	38	32	32
Stranraer	26	4	10	12	24	39	22
Queen of Sth	26	3	8	15	20	45	17
Brechin	27	1	8	18	19	53	11

## Italy - Serie A

Milan - Cagliari 1 - 0, Livorno - Inter Milan 0 - 0, Messina - Juventus 2 - 2

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
Juventus	26	21	4	1	53	17	67
Milan	26	18	3	5	58	24	57
Inter Milan	26	17	4	5	48	20	55
Fiorentina	25	15	5	5	41	25	50
Roma	25	14	6	5	48	25	48
Livorno	26	11	10	5	28	25	43
Chievo	25	10	8	7	33	28	38
Sampdoria	25	10	7	8	41	33	37
Lazio	25	8	11	6	31	30	35
Palermo	25	8	9	8	36	38	33
Udinese	25	7	6	12	25	36	27
Ascoli	25	5	11	9	24	30	26
Siena	25	6	8	11	29	40	26
Reggina	25	7	5	13	26	43	26
Messina	26	4	12	10	25	37	24
Cagliari	26	5	8	13	27	40	23
Parma	25	5	8	12	27	43	23
Empoli	25	6	4	15	27	45	22
Treviso	25	2	8	15	15	38	14
Lecce	25	3	5	17	16	41	14

## Netherlands - Eredivisie

FC Groningen - RKC 1 - 0, Roda JC - SC Heerenveen 2 - 1

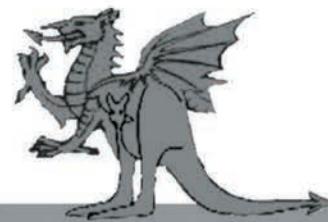
Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
PSV	25	20	3	2	51	16	63
AZ	24	17	4	3	61	21	55
Feyenoord	24	17	4	3	62	25	55
FC Gronin	25	13	4	8	33	27	43
SC Heere	25	11	7	7	49	36	40
Ajax	24	12	4	8	40	31	40
NEC	25	11	6	8	33	29	39
FC Utrecht	24	10	7	7	34	30	37
FC Twente	25	10	4	11	34	28	34
RKC	25	10	4	11	38	42	34
Vitesse	25	10	3	12	37	40	33
Roda JC	25	10	2	13	37	44	32
Heracles	24	7	6	11	24	43	27
NAC	24	6	7	11	31	43	25
Sparta	24	6	6	12	19	30	24
den Haag	24	5	3	16	23	50	18
Willem II	24	3	5	16	24	49	14
RBC	24	0	5	19	14	60	5

## Portugal - Liga BetandWin

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
Porto	22	14	6	2	34	13	48
Sporting CP	23	14	4	5	36	22	46
Benfica	23	13	4	6	37	21	43
Boavista	23	11	8	4	33	20	41
Sp.Braga	22	12	5	5	23	13	41
Nacional	22	11	6	5	27	16	39
Setubal	22	10	3	9	17	18	33
Uniao Leiria	22	9	4	9	31	30	31
Maritimo	22	6	9	7	27	26	27
Estrela Ama	22	7	6	9	18	21	27
Rio Ave	23	6	8	9	25	30	26
Academica	22	7	5	10			

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## a pom's home view



Life must be difficult being an Everton fan. After years of insecurity in the depths of relegation, then finally after an almost complete season of one nill, the 'toffees' surprised everyone by finishing fourth.

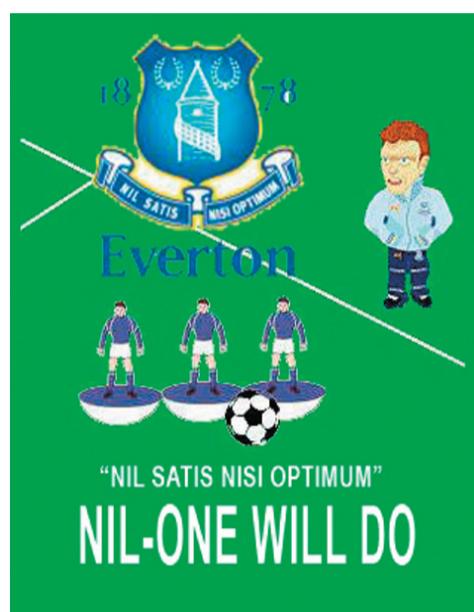
What was even better than claiming the last Champions League qualifying spot was that they had finished above rivals Liverpool. Merseyside was having a blue day.

Everton's pride diminished with a disastrous start of the new season, exiting both the Champions League and then the Uefa Cup in the early qualifying rounds. They then sank to the bottom of the premiership table with only 1 win in 8 games. Liverpool however, not only became European Champions, but they managed to re-qualify for the competition, via special permission, entering at the first qualifying stage.

Surprisingly Everton are again on the rise. Their manager David Moyes has been named January's Barclays Premiership manager of the month. The team was unbeaten, a sequence that stretched to nine games, and their best run since October

1998, including a win over Arsenal and draw with Chelsea.

Their improved form has led them to dragging themselves out of the relegation mire and rise to 11th place in the Premiership.



Moyes is even hoping the recent resurgence can lead to a late charge for a place in the Uefa Cup, but has applied for the In-

tertoto Cup just in case.

They have still had their share of problems with three goal-keepers injured or banned. Nigel Martyn suffered a groin injury before Christmas and Richard Wright was injured in the warm-up for last week's FA Cup defeat at Chelsea. This had led to a surprise debut for Iain Turner, but he was then sent off during his Premiership debut against Blackburn days later. The 19-year-old John Ruddy is the only keeper eligible to face the resurgent Newcastle on 25th February. But Everton have been given special permission by the Premier League to sign a keeper on loan, outside the transfer window. Moyes is likely to attempt to persuade Arsenal's Mart Poom to help their cause.

Meanwhile, their strike-force has been suffering too. The club's Latin motto "nil satis nisi optimum" apparently translates to "only the best will do". One could easily have mistaken it to read "Nil-one will do!" as even Sunderland have scored more goals than them. Their temperamental Scottish striker, Duncan Ferguson is serving an extra four-match ban imposed by the FA after being found guilty of violent

conduct at Wigan.

The ban is for shoving Pascal Chimbonda in the face just before he was sent off for hitting Paul Scharner, which already carried a three-game ban. He will not play again until April. Fortunately their record signing striker, James Beattie is still managing to find the back of the net.

For the future, the club has been approached by a wealthy property developer over the building of a new stadium. However, the Everton board was keen on a ground share with Liverpool, even though both sets of fans were opposed to the idea. They will continue to monitor developments at Anfield, where Liverpool are behind schedule in their plans to fund a £150M development before deciding to leave their historic home at Goodison Park.

The board should be congratulated for backing David Moyes during their problematic season. Despite their fluctuating form, bad luck and injuries Moyes proves to be great tactician and team leader.

By Richard Sucksmith

## UK FOOTBALL WRAP

### LIVERPOOL OUSTS MAN UTD IN TITANIC FA CUP BATTLE

Liverpool advanced to the quarter-finals of the FA Cup on Saturday, defeating Manchester United at Anfield Road. The win was Liverpool's first over United in the FA Cup in 85 years.



### Liverpool - Manchester United 1-0

Edwin van der Sar did well to deny a Harry Kewell header in the 18th minute to keep the match scoreless, but he could not deny striker Peter Crouch a minute later as the striker headed Steve Finnan's cross and the Dutch goalkeeper could only get a touch to it. The ball then rolled into the net off of the goalpost.

Finnan nearly doubled the lead in the 35th minute, but he fired his shot over and they went to the break with a 1-0 lead.

Liverpool squandered a couple of chances

in the second half that could have solidified their lead, but United rarely threatened José Reina's goal and the Reds ran out winners. There was bad news for United, though, as midfielder Alan Smith was forced off with a horrific injury. Click here for more.

### Charlton Athletic - Brentford 3-1

The FA Cup dream of League One side Brentford came to an end at the Valley as they fell to defeat at the hands of Charlton. Darren Bent fired the Addicks into the lead just three minutes in as he latched onto a long pass by Radostin Kishishev and fired coolly past goalkeeper Stuart Nelson for a 1-0 lead.

Jay Bothroyd sent the home side to the break with a two-goal advantage as he flew in a free kick that beat Nelson and Bryan Hughes made it three to the good for Charlton in the 62nd minute.

Brentford wouldn't go home empty-handed as Isaiah Rankin scored a consolation goal with seven minutes to play, but the Bees' dream was over.

### Newcastle United - Southampton 1-0

Newcastle United did just enough to see off Southampton on Saturday and advance to the quarter-finals of the FA Cup.

Caretaker boss Glenn Roeder had to fool around with his lineup, but Kieron Dyer's goal was enough to put the Magpies into the

next round at the expense of their Championship opposition.

Charles N'Zogbia made a run at Southampton's defense and laid off a pass which Dyer slotted past Saints goalkeeper Bartosz Bialkowski, who had to be substituted because of an injury later on in the match.

### Bolton Wanderers-West Ham United 0-0

These two Premiership sides couldn't decide it in 90 minutes, so they will meet again in a fifth-round replay at Upton Park after a goalless draw.

It was a lack of finishing, and not chances, that hurt both sides at the Reebok Stadium on Saturday as Dean Ashton missed two clear-cut goalscoring opportunities on either side of half-time for the Hammers and Stelios Giannakopoulos had a goal ruled out for offside.

Late on, Bolton began firing the ball constantly into the West Ham penalty area, but the defense of the visitors held firm to secure a replay.

### SMITH SET TO MISS WORLD CUP AFTER LEG BREAK

Alan Smith will be out for at least 9 months and will miss the World Cup after suffering a horrendous leg fracture and dislocating his ankle in the closing stages of Man United's 1-0 FA Cup fifth round defeat to

Liverpool.

Smith fell very awkwardly as he tried to block a John Arne Riise free kick. The game was delayed for 5 minutes as he received treatment from both United and Liverpool's medical staff. He was subsequently given oxygen as he was stretchered from the field and then taken straight to hospital.

"It's a really bad one and it's going to be very long-term – it is one of the worst I have seen," said disappointed manager Alex Ferguson.

The loss of the fiery midfielder is a big blow to United who are already without Paul Scholes for the rest of the season.

Liverpool boss Rafael Benitez also extended his sympathies saying: "We are all so sorry for Smith, it is a great pity such things happen and we all wish him good luck."



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# NATIONAL NEWS

## ARCHIE THOMPSON ADDED TO SOCCEROOS SQUAD FOR ASIA CUP GAMES

**The Qantas Socceroo squad travelling to Bahrain for this week's opening Asian Cup qualifying match has been bolstered by the inclusion of striker Archie Thompson.**

A member of the squad that defeated Uruguay last November, Thompson has been released for the match by his club PSV Eindhoven, coached by current Qantas Socceroo coach Guus Hiddink.

"We have been working behind the scenes for a few weeks now regarding the possible availability of Archie, and following PSV's match on Friday, which was their last prior to this Wednesday's Champions League match, Archie is now available to join the national team squad," said Qantas Socceroos assistant coach Graham Arnold.

"Archie has shown on numerous occasions what an important asset he is to the team and he is undoubtedly a big boost for us in what we expect will be a very tough match."

With Wednesday's match in Manama falling on a non FIFA International date a number of players that featured against Uruguay are unavailable due to club commitments.

The inclusion of Thompson, who finished equal top scorer in the Hyundai A-League with Melbourne Victory this season, sees the squad extended to 19 players.

### SQUAD – AUSTRALIA V BAHRAIN

Michael Beauchamp (Central Coast Mariners, Australia), Alex Brosque

(Queensland Roar, Australia), David Carney (Sydney FC, Australia), Alvin Ceccoli (Sydney FC, Australia), Ante Covic (Hammarby, Sweden), Spase Dilevski (Queensland Roar, Australia), Ahmad Elrich (Fulham, England), Brett Holman (Excelsior, Holland), Jon McKain (Timisoara Politehnica, Romania), Scott McDonald (Motherwell, Scotland), Jade North (Newcastle Jets, Australia), Michael Petkovic (Sivasspor, Turkey), Josip Skoko (Stoke, England), Michael Thwaite (FC National, Romania), Archie Thompson (PSV Eindhoven, Holland), Michael Valkanis, Adelaide United, Australia), Tony Vidmar (NAC Breda, Holland), Nick Ward (Perth Glory, Australia), Luke Wilshire (Bristol City, England)

The match will be the first for the Qantas Socceroos in official Asian competition, following Australia's admission

to the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) on 1 January this year.

The AFC Asian Cup finals in July of 2007 will feature the top 16 nations emerging from this year's qualifiers, which consist of 6 groups of 4 nations playing home and away matches throughout the year. Australia have drawn Bahrain, Kuwait and Lebanon, and must finish in the top two of the group to proceed to the finals.

The AFC Asian Cup 2007 will be jointly hosted by Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and Vietnam.

### Bahrain v Australia

**Live to all centres on SBS Television  
Thursday 23 February @ 2:15am  
AEDT (Check local guides)**

## YOUNG MATILDAS WRAP UP SERIES WITH CONVINCING WIN

The Qantas Young Matildas have secured a convincing 4-0 win over New Zealand in Canberra this evening in their final match prior to next month's Asian U-20 Women's World Championship qualifying tournament in Thailand.

The first half was scoreless in a match played in warm conditions at the Australian Institute of Sport. However second half goals from Jenna Tristram, Sasha McDonnell, Collette McCallum and Leena Khamis ensured the Australians improved on their 3-1 victory over the same opponent on Wednesday.

The winning margin could have been even greater with McCallum striking the post and Tristram having a goal ruled out in the dying minutes.

Australia will contest Group 2 of the preliminary qualifying tournament March 5-9 against Singapore, Myanmar and host-nation Thailand. If successful the Qantas Young Matildas will then

progress to the final stage of qualifying in Malaysia April 8-18.

The 2006 FIFA U-20 Women's World Championship will be played in Russia in September.

**Australia 4** (Jenna Tristram 54', Sasha McDonnell 65', Collette McCallum 78'm Leena Khamis 81')

**New Zealand 0**

Australian line-up:

Lydia Williams (Kate Stewart 68'), Danielle Brogan, Kim Carroll, Olivia Kennedy, Clare Polkinghorne, Amy Jackson, Sally Shipard, Renee Cartwright (Caitlin Cooper 82'), Collette McCallum, Vicki Balomenos (Sasha McDonnell h/t, Leena Khamis 76')), Jenna Tristram

The Australian squad for the New Zealand series is:

### Goalkeepers

Lydia Williams (ACT), Alison Logue (NNSW), Kate Stewart (QLD)

### Defenders

Clare Polkinghorne (QLD), Kim Carroll (QLD), Nicole Somi (ACT), Danielle Brogan (NSW), Grace Gill (ACT), Olivia Kennedy (NSW)

### Midfielders

Sally Shipard (NSW), Kylie Ledbrook (NSW), Collette McCallum (WA), Amy Jackson (VIC), Servet Uzunlar (NSW), Renee Cartwright (NSW), Caitlin Cooper (NSW), Elizabeth Kermode (NNSW), Briony Holcombe (NSW), Alannah Reed (QLD), Vicki Balomenos (SA)

### Forwards

Jenna Tristram (NNSW), Sasha Mc-

Donnell (QLD), Leena Khamis (NSW)



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# Katsa's Korner

With George Katsamboukas



They say that money can't buy you love.

Many clubs in the past have risen to the top by spending big dollars on players, climbed up the leagues quickly only to fall just as quick they rose.

These were the fortunate ones, who at least enjoyed some success.

The unfortunate ones have spent the big dollars and enjoyed no success at all.

The first one to go is always the coach, as administrators who spend the big dollars de-

mand results and have little patience for short term failure.

Then the spiral of buying more expensive players continues, hoping that they will immediately turn the club's fortunes around. Unfortunately, it does not always work out that way.

Moral of the story, plan ahead, buy what you can afford and believe it or not high priced players don't necessarily deliver results!

Speaking of coaches, I dare say that some of the Premier League coaches at the moment would be losing sleep due to their club's poor start to the season. Time and results will tell whether they keep their jobs.

Hang in there lads, one team's loss is another's gain, and remember that seek.com.au is always available for you to find your next gig!

One question that I have been asked many

times is why isn't there a State League Cup, Provisional League Cup or any form of formal FFV sanctioned pre-season competition for our clubs?

Traditionally and back in the days, players and coaches not to mention supporters looked forward to these pre season competitions.

Over to you FFV, your answer is eagerly anticipated!

The Oakleigh mall on a Saturday mornings is filled with officials and supporters from many of the Local Clubs. At times these gatherings are also infiltrated by officials and supporters from the northern suburbs. The topic of conversation is always football and the happenings not at one's own club, but what is happening at their rival's club!

Oakleigh Vs Heidelberg last Friday Night at Jack Edwards Reserve.

From what I am told it was a good game, pity I didn't get to watch it!

Becomes a bit hard to concentrate when you right in the middle of Stonington, Clifton Hill and Waverley Wanderers Officials and

throw in a couple from Northcote City, it certainly becomes a very entertaining evening!

Forget Manchester United Vs Manchester City, Liverpool Vs Everton, Olympiacos Vs Panathinaikos, the clash between Oakleigh and Kingston Next Friday night at Jack Edwards Reserve has been built up to be The Clash of the Titans!

The pre season rivalry between these two clubs has certainly been intense, Pride is at stake, Gentlemen start your engines, and all roads lead to Jack's Place Next Friday Night.

The Oakleigh/Clayton area will be buzzing this week hoping that the two teams can provide us with an interesting spectacle!

I have also been bombarded with questions about who the two ladies are in the photo that accompanies my weekly article.

Simple answer to this question:

I'm still trying to find out!

Katsa over and out, for now!

## FUTSAL IS TAKING OFF !

**The game is played with fewer players, within a smaller space, with smaller goals and less time. Instead of playing outdoors, they play indoors and instead of specifying who plays in what position, everyone both defends and attacks.**

In essence the game is a smaller version of soccer called futsal. The game is more intense than soccer because the size of the playing area is so much smaller.

The origin of Futsal can be traced back to Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1930 when Juan Carlos Ceriani devised a five-a-side version of soccer for youth competition to be played in YMCAs. The word Futsal comes from the Spanish word for soccer — 'fut' and the Spanish word for indoor — 'sal'.

In the last half century, Futsal has gained a reputation as a great developer of football skill and has been made famous by Brazil and many argue that Futsal is a key factor of their flamboyant style of play. Even Pele, arguably the greatest soccer player to ever play the game, along with the majority of Brazilian soccer players has credited futsal with developing their skills.

Over the last quarter century futsal has become one of the most popular sports around the world, with more than 25 million people participating worldwide.

Closer to home Futsal has recently become affiliated under the Football Federation Victoria (FFV). As such progress is made in the way the game is being managed and the future looks promising.

This season, at West Footscray, there is an open age mixed competition (men/women) which started on Sunday 30th February and goes through to 29th May, currently fields eight teams in the league, with games taking place on Monday evenings. At the same venue there is also a Thursday night men's league starting shortly in Footscray.

Players of all ages, many of whom are cur-

rent or former outdoor soccer players take part. The game has also proven to be popular with people who want to play socially with friends.

'It's fun and enjoyable'. Said Eric Huynh.

Futsal is very similar to indoor soccer, although there are some differences. It is played on a basketball-sized court, with no boards

or nets keeping the ball in play, instead the boundary line is used to indicate the perimeter of the play. The ball is specifically designed to have a low-bounce which demands that players use their skill to control the ball, instead of the ball's bounce, when the ball goes out of play, it must be kicked back in to restart play.

In regular indoor soccer, there are boards or nets that keep the ball in bounds.

required.'

"Due to work commitments I don't have enough time to train and play for a soccer club" Said Theo Simaris "and the game is a great alternative, as it helps improve my overall sharpness and technique".

At an average standard of play it's a game of speed, finesse and running to space.

While most people play socially, futsal also offers other players other reasons to play. As George Moraitis states 'It's fast, it's competitive, and as a game it brings out the best in a player. The most talented soccer players can adapt to futsal easily.'

By Marko Barisic

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# BOO'S WORLD

A satirical look at the World of Football according to Mark Boric

Isn't it time Banyule City changed their name back to Rosanna? Then, they could adopt the 80's hit by Toto of that name as their club song. Sure "all I wanna do when I wake up in the morning is see your eyes" is not particularly relevant in a football context, but screeching "Rosanna, Rosanna, I never thought that losing you could ever hurt so bad" makes up for that.

Altona Magic could also adopt the Steve Miller Band's Abracadabra as their theme. And if only Flinders Naval Depot hadn't faded into oblivion all those years ago, they could be celebrating their rare wins to the Village People's In The Navy.

From the World Club Championships in Brazil to the less glamorous setting of the Clayton Municipal Tip, it's been a rough slide for South Melbourne. This year their problems began with the signing of Trinidad and Tobago international Kevin Nelson failing to be processed in time for the first game of the season. Rumour is the fax at the T&T Football Association is often left switched off as the paper is frequently misappropriated by staff for recreational purposes, you know mon, to roll the herbs in. This led to the transfers delay, then they lost in big style to Kingston City, in the game that blocked off Osbourne Avenue.

A few clubs struggling for a quality striker should get onto this feller my scouts have told me about in America. Powerful, with a willingness to shoot from anywhere, there is a strong buzz surrounding Dick Cheney.

A few problems with transfer rules regarding A-League players have leading Pro-

visional League clubs up in arms. If things aren't sorted out soon, the clubs will look at signing players from Victory's opponents

volved from the ground up." That's great if you are applying for a job as a fan, but the actual CEO job description entails ripping



**As well as players, Victory may well look overseas for a new CEO.**

on Sunday, the Nerds FC instead. Could be a blessing in disguise, really.

No new sackcoach.com sites this week, but there is now an online petition for Michael Nuciforo to get the job of Melbourne Victory CEO. You can read his job application for a laugh as well. From the site I quote: "As the CEO of Melbourne Victory I will ensure the voice of the average supporter is heard. I will sit with the fans, sing with the fans and speak with the fans. I will walk around and ensure every one is in-

the fans off, so I'm not sure how that is all meant to work.

He adds, "My ideas are new and fresh and come from a different perspective than the other potential candidates." That much is pretty true. A naive and crazy person's perspective!

Go to <http://www.petitiononline.com/CEO2006/petition.html> for more  
Until next week,  
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## QUICK QUIZ

- 1/ Essendon Royals 'keeper Marko Sutalo was playing with which Vodafone Cup side last season?
- 2/ New Green Gully coach Andrew Marth has previous coaching experience with which two other clubs?
- 3/ Which team won the Victorian Indoor Futsal Championship last week?
- 4/ True or false? Socceroo assistant coach Johan Neesken scored the opening goal of the 1974 World Cup Final between Holland and Germany.
- 5/ In which German cities will Australia contest its World Cup group matches?
- 6/ Who is the new coach of State league Division One side, Western Suburbs?
- 7/ How many different Vodafone Cup teams has Chris Emsovski played for?
- 8/ Who were the goalscorers in Melbourne Victory's 5-0 romp over Sydney FC earlier this year?
- 9/ The now defunct Carlton United were the first ever champions of Victorian football. Was it in 1909, 1919 or 1929?
- 10/ Green Gully's Jeff Fleming has been selected to which national team squad?

Quiz answers...Look to the right of this page

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### The Green Gully Soccer Show

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### Champions League

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Thursday 23rd Feb, 6.30am

### Champions League

Werder Bremen v Juventus

ESPN

Thursday 23rd Feb, 9am

### Champions League

Rangers v Villarreal

ESPN

Thursday 23rd Feb, 1pm

### EPL, Blackburn v Arsenal

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Sunday 26th Feb, 2am

### EPL, Newcastle v Everton

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Sunday 26th Feb, 4.15am

### EPL, Liverpool v Man City

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Sunday 26th Feb, 11.15pm

### EPL, West Brom v Middlesbrough

Fox Sports 1

Monday 27th Feb, 2am

### Asia Cup, Bahrain v Australia

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Thursday, 23rd Feb 2.15am

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10. Kitzbühel 9, 1909  
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(all entries must be received by Wednesday, March 15)

**Date & Time:** Sunday 26th March 2006 from 10.00 am

**Venue:** Frog Hollow Reserve, Fordham Avenue, Camberwell (Melways 60 B3)

**Cost:** \$200.00 per team (payment will be required prior to tournament. Upon your team being accepted, we will forward payment details to you)

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# RIVERSDALE EYES SUCCESS

Being a long time member of the same division may represent stability in some people's eyes, but it also means that promotion has proven a step too far. Since winning the Provisional 2 Championship in 1997, with a last day victory over Templestowe, Riversdale Soccer Club has been a constant fixture in Vodafone Provisional League 1, a stay of nine years.

New club president, John McPhee, has seen many players, coaches and seasons come and go and is setting a course for ongoing success. "Riversdale is a great club, but for a few years we have mostly focused on the present, without a longer term view", says McPhee. "We've had plenty of quality players, but they've generally not stayed with us long enough to become a part of the club and gel as a team." McPhee goes on to say that while on-field success is the number one goal, it won't come at the expense of the club's health.

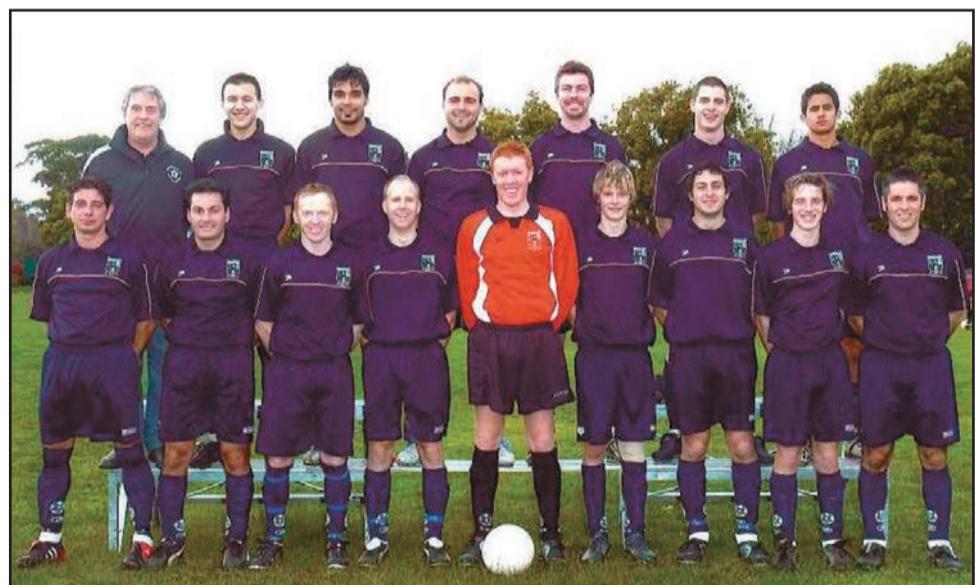
There is certainly a good base on which to grow at Riversdale. From a one-team club formed as G. Kenna Soccer Club for the 1978 Industrial League season (named after the manufacturing company around which the club evolved), the club now has three men's teams and peaked at 26 junior teams in 2004. The juniors have now been cut back a little, to ease the pressure on facilities, but along with a healthy Goalkick program they are starting to produce quality teams and players. This has been helped by specialised skills training for elite players and goalkeeper sessions for up-and-coming

net minders. 2005 saw a number of juniors move into senior ranks and this flow is expected to grow as the club progresses.

At senior level, Riversdale has a strong base of loyal club servants and this has helped push the Reserves team to three championships in the past four years. In 2006, the job to translate this success to the Senior team falls to new coach Pedro Ramos.

Ramos has been involved in coaching and playing at Riversdale over the past few years, following an impressive career at State and National League level. He sees the need for a well-planned campaign. "The teams that have been promoted from this league over the past few years have been the ones who have an effective plan and who work hard to stick to that plan. It has been proven that team ethic and organisation will overcome a team of superstars."

Pedro, with his South American background, certainly values skill and personal flair and hopes to encourage an entertaining brand of football. Although he would always welcome more new faces. Ramos believes that Riversdale already has a squad to challenge for honours. "We have a solid spine of experienced players, people like George Tidd, Zoran Stojkovic and Raf Barreto, and we will introduce younger players into the team, both from within Riversdale and from other clubs." With what looks like being a very even Provisional 1 S/E league in 2006, getting players to their peak from the first day of the season and keeping them there could



be the difference between promotion and another year of mid-table 'respectability'.

always keeps you going."

From an off-field point of view, Riversdale and its neighbouring clubs continue to lobby Boroondara Council for improved soccer facilities. With the squeeze on inner suburban land, clubs generally find themselves in unfamiliar surroundings during pre-season, while they wait for co-tenant cricket clubs to pull up stumps for the year. That still leaves the problem of making cricket pitches safe to play over in the winter months. Club president McPhee realises that this is just part of the fun of being involved in a club like Riversdale. "We do this for love and maybe out of a touch of insanity, but the promise of that promotion light at the end of the tunnel and the enjoyment of the juniors



New Coach  
Pedro Ramos



# HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE FINALS



## MARINERS THROUGH TO PRELIMINARY FINAL



The Central Coast Mariners have advanced to next week's Preliminary Final with a 2-1 aggregate victory over a plucky Newcastle Jets outfit, but not without a scare, scoring late-on to take a place in the next round.

Both sides were unchanged from the first leg at Energy Stadium so open soccer was in order for the Jets who were chasing the goal that had eluded them dearly in the opening leg. But it was the Mariners who looked healthier in the opening exchanges and were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty inside five minutes when Jade North bundled over Dean Heffernan. Fortunately for the Jets, match official Simon Pryzdacz waved play-on.

Despite the openness of the game, no clear cut chances were created and the opening goal came out of the blue. A seemingly harmless aerial challenge fell fortuitously to the Jets' Matthew Thompson, who had no hesitation in dispatching a crisp, 30-yard angled volley looping over the flat-footed Danny Vukovic. It was one of the goals of the season, more importantly it was 1 nil on the night, squaring the tie and 1-1.

A mandatory change was then made by the Mariners, with Damian Brown

replacing the injured Matthew Osman and what a revelation it turned out to be. Brown was causing immediate headaches for the Jets down the right channel and only a poor 1st touch and a smothering foil by Liam Reddy kept the tie all square at the break.

away, disaster struck for Jets. Substitute Brown was allowed an eternity on the flank, had the presence of mind to pick out Heffernan, who rifled a header past the hapless Liam Reddy. 1-1 on the night, 2-1 on aggregate and the Jets had an uphill climb if they were to advance.

### Minor Semi-Final Second Leg

**Central Coast 1**

D Heffernan 79th minute

**Newcastle Utd 1**

M Thompson 28th Minute

**Central Coast win 2-1 on aggregate**

Both sides resumed cautiously after the break and were determined not to concede as the tie looked to be heading into extra time. Tarek Elrich, the younger brother of Socceroo Ahmed, replaced goal-scorer Thompson as the Jets went in search of some extra spark in the final third, but it had a reverse effect as the Mariners began to find gaps in the middle of the park.

With extra time only ten minutes

The script was simple; the Jets had to score, so it was no surprise when they threw extra men forward in search of another away goal. It was 'heart-in-the-mouth' stuff for both sets of fans as 1st Tarek Elrich arrowed his header straight at Vukovic and then only the offside flag saved the Mariners' blushes as Franko Parisi was adjudged off, following a Coveny knockdown as the ball was bundled in.

It would prove to be the last significant chance of the tie, Mariners 1, Newcastle 1. 2-1 on aggregate. Central Coast through to next week's Prelim, where they'll face the loser of the Adelaide v Sydney game.

**Central Coast Mariners Danny Vukovic (gk), Wayne O'Sullivan, Noel Spencer, Michael Beauchamp, Andre Gumprecht, Dean Heffernan, Tom Pondeljak (Adam Kwasnik 83'), Stew-**

art Petrie, Andrew Clark, Matthew Osman (Damien Brown 36'), Alex Wilkinson

**Unused Subs Paul O'Grady, Jamie McMaster, Matthew Trott (gk)**

**Bookings Gumprecht 55', Clark 60', Heffernan 73'**

**Newcastle United Jets Liam Reddy (gk), Jade North, Ned Zelic, Richard Johnson, Matthew Thompson (Tarek Elrich 72'), Ante Milicic, Nick Carle, Paul Kohler (Franco Parisi 86'), Mateo Corbo (Steve Eagleton 66'), Allan Picken, Vaughan Coveny**

**Unused Subs Labinot Haliti, Andy Peterson (gk)**

**Bookings Thompson 67', North 92'**

**Referee Simon Pryzdacz  
Crowd 17,429**

**By George Sahinidis**



## SYDNEY GRABS GRAND FINAL BERTH



30,000 people turn out in a record attendance for the A League and there did not go home disappointed. This game had everything and all who took part in this game should be proud that they were involved in one of the most enjoyable games of football anybody has witness since the start of the Hyundai A League. As Sydney FC managed to scrap through into the inuralgral A League grand final to face either Adelaide or Central Coast Mariners who play next week in the second final.

Sydney went into this second leg of this major semi final favourites after scoring two goals away from home in the first clash last Sunday at Hindmarsh Stadium. Adelaide had nothing to lose going into the match as silt underdogs and having the best away record in the league. Sydney having four players on yellow cards is something that United will be able to use to their advantage despite coach Kosmina telling Fox Sports before the game that they would not look to use that to gain the upper hand.

30 seconds into the first half Carney broke down the right hand side but Steve Corica was not able to convert the chance.

As the game settled into some sort of pattern Sydney played with their usual passing game with Yorke having plenty of influence in the middle of the park.

With twenty minutes gone in the first half both sides really only had half chances then in the 29th minute a long ball from Zadkovic was collected by Petrovski who finish coolly as he faced a one on one with the Utd keeper.

Adelaide almost drew level in 36th minute when Shengui eq had a header rebound of the crossbar with the follow up shot from the Utd forward going into the grateful arms of the Sydney keeper.

Both sides seemed to come out a little flat at the start of the second half with neither side taking real control and

### Major Semi Final Second Leg

**Sydney FC 2**

**Adelaide Utd 1**

**Sydney win 4-3 on aggregate**

then all of a sudden on the hour mark Adelaide's Japanese import shen gen q produced a finish that would have graced any league in the world with a wonderful shot from just outside the box that gave Bolton in the Sydney goal absolutely no chance, this seemed to give the visitors just the lift they needed to possibly go on and win this game.

As the game went into the last 20 minutes it was the visitors who look the most likely to win rather than the home side with their striker Shin gen q causing all sort of prob-

lems for the Sydney defence since his goal. Sydney took the lead against the run of play after more good work from Dwight Yorke who started the move that was finished off by Mark Ruden, then moments later the home side almost went further in front but this time Packer was correctly given off side.

Then Adelaide almost brought the scores level again but the woodwork denied the visitors for a second time much to the delight of the Sydney faithful. In 88th Sasha Petrovski almost sealed the victory with a piece of individual brilliance that really summed up the game and the quality of the whole afternoon, unfortunately for Sydney the ball just went wide of the post.

### Preliminary Final

**Central Coast Mariners FC  
v  
Adelaide FC**

**Hindmarsh Stadium**

**Saturday 25th March KO 8pm**



# STATE LEAGUE ONE

*Features*

Round 1				Round 15				Round 16			
31 Mar 06 8:30PM	Springvale	v	Port Melbourne	Serbian Sports Centre	15 Jul 06 3:00PM	North Geelong	v	North Coburg United	Elcho Park	North Coburg United	Elcho Park
1 Apr 06 3:00PM	Langwarrin	v	Northcote City	Lawton Park Reserve	16 Jul 06 3:00PM	Northcote City	v	Brunswick City	John Cain Memorial Park	Brunswick City	John Cain Memorial Park
2 Apr 06 3:00PM	Altona East Phoenix	v	Dandenong Thunder	Paisley Park Soccer Complex	16 Jul 06 3:00PM	St. Albans Saints	v	Dandenong Thunder	Churchill Reserve	Dandenong Thunder	Churchill Reserve
2 Apr 06 3:00PM	Bentleigh Greens	v	Brunswick City	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex	16 Jul 06 3:00PM	Altona East Phoenix	v	Langwarrin	Paisley Park Soccer Complex	Langwarrin	Paisley Park Soccer Complex
2 Apr 06 3:00PM	Western Suburbs	v	North Coburg United	Ralph Reserve	16 Jul 06 3:00PM	Western Suburbs	v	Port Melbourne	Ralph Reserve	Port Melbourne	Ralph Reserve
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Round 2				Round 16				Round 17			
7 Apr 06 8:30PM	Port Melbourne	v	Altona East Phoenix	SS Anderson Reserve	21 Jul 06 8:30PM	Port Melbourne	v	St. Albans Saints	SS Anderson Reserve	St. Albans Saints	SS Anderson Reserve
8 Apr 06 3:00PM	North Geelong	v	Northcote City	Elcho Park	22 Jul 06 3:00PM	Altona East Phoenix	v	Bentleigh Greens	Paisley Park Soccer Complex	Bentleigh Greens	Paisley Park Soccer Complex
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9 Apr 06 3:00PM	North Coburg United	v	St. Albans Saints	Reddish Reserve	22 Jul 06 7:30PM	Springvale	v	Western Suburbs	Serbian Sports Centre	Western Suburbs	Serbian Sports Centre
Round 3				Round 17				Round 18			
22 Apr 06 3:00PM	Altona East Phoenix	v	Springvale	Paisley Park Soccer Complex	29 Jul 06 3:00PM	North Geelong	v	Dandenong Thunder	Elcho Park	Dandenong Thunder	Elcho Park
22 Apr 06 3:00PM	Bentleigh Greens	v	Port Melbourne	Kingston Heath Soccer Complex	30 Jul 06 3:00PM	North Coburg United	v	Brunswick City	Reddish Reserve	Brunswick City	Reddish Reserve
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Round 4				Round 18				Round 19			
28 Apr 06 8:30PM	Springvale	v	Bentleigh Greens	Serbian Sports Centre	4 Aug 06 8:30PM	Springvale	v	Northcote City	Serbian Sports Centre	Northcote City	Serbian Sports Centre
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29 Apr 06 3:00PM	Langwarrin	v	Altona East Phoenix	Lawton Park Reserve	6 Aug 06 3:00PM	Langwarrin	v	Brunswick City	Lawton Park Reserve	Brunswick City	Lawton Park Reserve
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Round 5				Round 19				Round 20			
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